

Food Bank news

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam məkʰmæk haws – is operated by Marion-Polk Food Share, which has been leading the fight to end hunger since 1987 because no one should be hungry.

Recipients of SNAP, TANF, SSI or LIHEAP assistance automatically qualify for assistance at the Grand Ronde Food Bank, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. No one will be turned away in need of a food box.

“We believe that everyone deserves to have enough to eat,” Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose says. “You are welcome to get a food box at each of our regular weekly distributions. No one will be turned away in need of a food box.”

The Food Bank will hold March food box distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays. In addition, there is a light food box (mostly bread and produce) distribution from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays.

People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receive a food box on both days. If you need immediate assistance, call 211 or visit 211info.org.

Those who are unable to pick up a food box can fill out an authorized representative form and that designated person can pick up a food box on your behalf. The authorization is good for one year.

The Food Bank continues to seek volunteers to help with repacking food, putting food on the shelves, handing out food boxes, end-of-month inventory and picking up food donations at area stores.

Call to ensure someone is available to assist. People also can sign up for a monthly email for the Food Bank calendar and events, as well as follow the Food Bank on Facebook.

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider. Contact Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Culture Committee** meets as needed in the Veterans House, Acting Chair: Pamala Warren-Chase.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly. The next meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 14, via Zoom. Contact Chair Mia Prickett at Editorial.Board@grandronde.org for the meeting link.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education building. Interim Chair: Valeria Atanacio.
- **Elders Committee** meetings have been paused. Meeting times will be updated when information is available.
- **Enrollment Committee** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Debi Anderson.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Reyn Leno.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Monday of the month in the Molalla Room of the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Darlene Aaron.
- **Housing Grievance Board** meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Harris Reibach.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets as needed at the Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **TERO Commission** meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the Employment Services building. Chair: Russell Wilkinson.
- **Timber Committee** meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Jon R. George.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the Quenelle House. Chair: Raymond Petite.

To update information on this list, contact Smoke Signals Editor Danielle Harrison at 503-879-4663 or danielle.harrison@grandronde.org.



2020 – The Tribe and the City of Salem signed a memorandum of understanding intended to “strengthen the government-to-government relationship” between the two entities. It pledged that representatives of the city and Tribe would establish a database of known archeological sites and Tribally significant areas that have a high probability of his-



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toric and pre-contact significance. In addition, the city pledged to provide the Tribe with adequate notice for proposed land use actions on private lands within the significant areas and ensure consultation.

2015 – The Tribal Council approved a contract for construction of a 20,000-square-foot arbor for the uyxat Powwow Grounds, with a removable shade and rain cover. The council also approved an amendment to one logging unit, to allow use the necessary amount of Douglas fir logs from the Reservation for the construction.

2010 – The Tribe received a \$235,000 Indian Community Development Block Grant to more than double the size of the library from 1,390 square feet to 2,890. The Tribe provided matching funds of \$108,334 for the project.

2005 – Grand Ronde community member Jo Elam had the opportunity to release a Peregrine Falcon she had found injured and trapped in a fence by the post office in mid-December. The bird, which had suffered a broken wing, was treated by McMinnville Animal Hospital and then rehabilitated by the Audubon Society of Portland’s wildlife care center, before being brought back and released in the field behind Willamina Middle School.

2000 – Spirit Mountain Community Fund provided a \$33,208 grant to Grand Ronde Elementary School, to bolster math programs and continue the emphasis on reading instruction at the school, which had a high percentage of economically disadvantaged students.

1995 – Work on the foundation of the new Spirit Mountain Casino was 80% complete. Jeffrey A. Dalton, project manager for Drake/Kraus-Anderson Construction Company, said that when the foundation was complete, the company would start erecting the steel framework for the building.

1990 – Representatives of the Grand Ronde Tribal Council met with the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners and presented them with a check for \$20,000, to compensate the county for revenues lost due to the establishment of the Grand Ronde Reservation.

1985 – No edition available

Yesteryears is a look back at Tribal history in five-year increments through the pages of Smoke Signals.

We want to hear from you!

The Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Comment Box is located at the entrance of the Health & Wellness Center, next to the drinking fountain. Share your experience, good or bad with us. ■

ELECTION BOARD VACANCIES

One permanent full time board member position open.

Two alternate board member positions open.

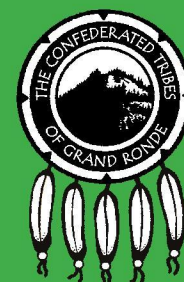
Qualifications:

Basic computer skills / file search / email / phone inquiries / flexible hours.

Election Board Chair:
Kalene Contreras

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