

Food Bank news

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam məkʰmək 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 April 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, April 11 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 – COVID-19 precautions went into effect in Oregon in mid-March of 2020. By April 1, shutdowns had been extended to late April. Spirit Mountain Casino, which had planned to re-open on April 2, extended the closure to April 9, while the Tribal Council prepared for financial effects from the pandemic.

2015 – Legalization of use and possession of small amounts of marijuana went into effect on July 1. To help Tribes, whose lands fall under federal jurisdiction, navigate the situation, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Martin and Assistant U.S. Attorney Tim Simmons offered a briefing at Spirit Mountain Casino.

2010 – Spirit Mountain Casino paid the fares for riders of the Grand Ronde Express bus that ran between Salem and Grand Ronde for the month of April in an effort to increase ridership. The service normally cost \$3 each way, or \$75 for a monthly pass. The program was a combined effort between the Salem Area Mass Transit District and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

2005 – Tribal members split cedar logs to build a traditional plank-house with lumber donated by the U.S. Forest Service.

2000 – The Tribe partnered with the University of Oregon to offer Chinuk Wawa classes through the University of Oregon’s Northwest Indian Languages Institute. Teacher Tony Johnson, a member of the Chinook Tribe in southwest Washington, said he was working with Head Start to create a children’s language immersion program at the Tribal preschool.

1995 – Construction of Spirit Mountain Casino was picking up as the weather improved. A new underpass to cross Highway 18 was scheduled to start within the month.

1990 — The Tribe purchased two new flatbed trucks to convert for use as fire trucks on reservation lands.

1985 – Roger Harrison won the contest to design a logo for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. “Spirit Mountain has always been a symbol and a historic landmark of the Grand Ronde to me, and the five eagle feathers represent the five major, remaining Tribes: The Calapooia, Rogue River, Umpqua, Chinook and Tillamook,” he wrote in Smoke Signals. “My grandfather, Harry W. Jones, was a full-blood Molel, a band of the Calapooias.”

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<https://www.grandronde.org/services/member-services/>

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