

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 July 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 at the Veterans House. Chair: Molly Leno.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly. The next meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 17, via Zoom. Chair: Mia Prickett. Contact 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.
- **Elder Board** meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Darlene Aaron.
- **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 Cheryle A. Kennedy Public Health Building. 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: Molly Leno.

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



2020 — Spirit Mountain Casino began requiring customers to wear masks to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, following a new state requirement for masking in all indoor public spaces. The Tribe’s Health & Wellness Department also expanded its coronavirus testing to Tribal employees.



2020 File photo

2015 — After a year of considering the issue, Tribal Council issued a statement declaring that, notwithstanding a new law in Oregon, decriminalizing the use and possession of recreational marijuana, the Tribe would exercise its rights as a sovereign nation, and would continue to ban use and possession on Tribal land and at Tribal enterprises, including Spirit Mountain Casino.

2010 — Oregon Tribes, including Grand Ronde, were gearing up to fight two November ballot measures brought by backers of a private casino in Wood Village, who wanted to start the only casino in the state not operated by one of the nine federally recognized Tribes. The measures would have amended the Oregon Constitution to create an exception to the 1984 ban on private casinos in Oregon and authorize a new casino in Multnomah County.

2005 — The Tribe named Shelley Hanson as the new director of the Spirit Mountain Community Fund. Hanson succeeded Adam Henny, who was named interim director in July 2004.

2000 — The Spirit Mountain Community Fund donated \$500,000 to the Portland Art Museum, that, combined with an earlier \$500,000, would enable the museum to remodel its Hoffman wing to create the Grand Ronde Center for Native American Art, providing 7,000 square feet of exhibition space for new galleries dedicated to Native art.

1995 — Tribal Council sponsored community meetings in Eugene, Salem, Portland and Grand Ronde to discuss six priority investment areas for Tribal revenues over the following five years, for revenue generated by Spirit Mountain Casino.

1990 — Enrollment Director Margo Mercier announced that questionnaires mailed to Tribal members to create a database, including households with children who were not yet enrolled, had resulted in 80 new enrollees, bringing Tribal membership to 2,646.

1985 — The result of the research report and secretarial proposal for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe was released by the deputy assistant secretary of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, naming two organized groups: The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe and the Cow Creek Descendants Organization. Descendants were instructed to begin gathering proof of their Cow Creek ancestry.

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

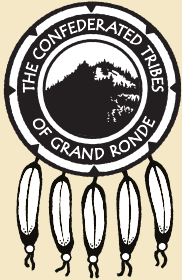
Contest Powwow vendors wanted!

The Grand Ronde Contest Powwow Committee is seeking vendors for the 2025 Contest Powwow, which will be held Friday, Aug. 15 to Sunday, Aug. 17.

Interested vendors are asked to apply online at www.grandronde.org.

For more information or assistance call:

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