

# 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 September 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. Friday, Sept. 19, 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.



## YESTERYEARS | A LOOK BACK...

**2020** — As the economic fallout from the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic dragged into fall, Tribal Council approved another round of payments to help adult Tribal members manage, using its funding from the CARES Act. The approximately 4,500 adult Tribal members were approved to receive three payments of \$600 each month, from September through November.

**2015** — The Willamina Creek Fire, which burned some 230 acres of heavily timbered land in Yamhill County, 4.8 miles from the northeast corner of the Grand Reservation boundary, prompted the Tribe to activate its Emergency Operations Team. Residents of four cabins along East Creek Road were required to evacuate. While firefighters were battling that blaze, smoke from large fires in eastern Oregon and Washington blanketed the Willamette Valley, leaving Grand Ronde cloaked in haze. The Elders Activity Center was designated as an emergency shelter for Tribal members who needed a place to escape from breathing the smoke.



2015 File photo

**2010** — U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader hired Tribal member Stacia Martin, winner of the 2009-10 Mark O. Hatfield Fellowship, as his communications director. The Spirit Mountain Community Fund started the Mark O. Hatfield Fellowship Program in 1997, to offer Native Americans the opportunity to learn the federal legislative system and become skilled at working within the system to meet Tribal needs.

**2005** — The Tribe entered an agreement with the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department to develop the Fort Yamhill site as a new state park, with restoration of the officers’ quarters, a new entrance road and informational signage.

**2000** — The Tribe was sending a social and economic community assessment survey to all Tribal members 17 and older, to create a database and help Tribal Council plan the Tribe’s future.

**1995** — In recognition of the 50th anniversary of World War II, the annual powwow honored Tribal veterans who served in the Armed Forces, presenting each with a Pendleton blanket, and held honor dances to show respect for all veterans. Thousands of visitors attended the powwow.

**1990** — The Tribe received a \$275,000 block grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, to construct a community services building.

**1985** — Tribal members were reminded to complete their health care service applications annually, to enable the Western Oregon Service Unit to keep its files up to date, and ensure the Tribe received the funding it was entitled to.

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

## ELECTION BOARD VACANCIES

One permanent full time board member position open.

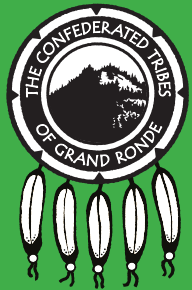
Two alternate board member positions open.

### Qualifications:

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

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ATTENTION ALL HOUSING TENANTS AND GUEST  
PLEASE SLOW DOWN IN ELDER HOUSING

Also, please make sure and maintain low levels of music in the Elder community.