

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 October 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 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, 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 — With COVID-19 keeping students learning from home, the Willamina School District pivoted to delivering breakfasts and lunches to distribution sites to ensure students wouldn't go hungry. More than 95% of the students in the district, where the majority of Grand Ronde Tribal students attended classes, were eligible for free and reduced-price lunches, so the school provided free lunches to all of its students.



2020 File photo

2015 — On the occasion of Spirit Mountain Casino's 20th anniversary, Smoke Signals took a look back at the origins of the state's first Tribal casino, which paved the way for the other eight Tribes in the state to negotiate contracts with the state regarding the size of their operations. Former Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts called the contract “the blueprint, if you will, for what we did with the rest of the state.”

2010 — The Tribe celebrated the opening of its new traditional plankhouse with three days of ceremonies. Built of cedar, the plankhouse incorporated the traditions of many different Tribes with a roof influenced by northern Oregon, while the floor and sidewalls were built in the style of the southern Willamette Valley and Columbia River homes.

2005 — Smoke Signals featured the story of Tribal interns Hope Lafferty, Ashley Bedortha and Alicia Selwyn, who spent 22 days in New York City working in the American Museum of Natural History to learn about museum work and visit with the meteorite Tomanowos.

2000 — Grand Ronde Housing Director Linda Layden was honored by her peers at a ceremony in Port Angeles, Washington, after being named the Indian Housing Authority's Executive Director of the Year.

1995 — Tribal members were invited to a special open house to give them the first look inside the new Spirit Mountain Casino before its official opening.

1990 — Tribal representatives from around the state were set to gather at the new Oregon Convention Center in Portland, for a three-day conference about their history and cultural traditions. It was the result of a two-year project undertaken by Tribes in cooperation with the Oregon Council for the Humanities.

1985 — The Tribe thanked everyone who had helped out at its first annual powwow. “A special thank-you to Rudy Clements for his fine job as our emcee and for all of his advice before and after the powwow,” a Smoke Signals article stated.

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

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Contact Social Services for more information
(503) 879-2034 or (800) 422-0232

You can also email us at
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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.