



SMOKE SIGNALS

A Publication of the Grand Ronde Tribe

www.grandronde.org

UMPQUA

MOLALLA

ROGUE RIVER

KALAPUYA

CHASTA

INSIDE

- Race for a Cure
..... page 2
- Natural Resources
Annual Conference
..... page 3
- ATNI Conference
..... page 4
- Ft. Hoskins
..... page 5
- SMDC Update
..... page 5
- Kerrie Bowman
..... page 6
- Welcome
Dr. Pratt
..... page 7
- 9/11
Remembered
..... page 8-9
- Marjie Mascarinas
..... page 10
- Leslie Riggs
..... page 12



Veterans' Memorial Underway



From Dreams To Reality — A scale replica of the planned Veterans' Memorial in Grand Ronde was recently on display in the Tribal Governance Center to let people know what the full-scale statues will look like when the project is completed next year. The statues were designed by Tribal member and Marine Veteran Steve Bobb. The memorial is dedicated to all Veterans — Tribal and non-Tribal from the three communities of Grand Ronde, Willamina and Sheridan. Names are still being submitted to the Tribe's Veterans' Memorial Committee by calling their office in Grand Ronde at 503-879-4578. At left, the Tribe's Public Works Director Eric Scott goes over plans for the memorial with representatives of the construction, electrical and concrete companies that are working on the project.

Photos by Peta Tinda

Next General Council Meeting
Sunday, October 6
 Held in New Gymnasium — 11 a.m.

Let's Ride — Security Officer Roel Hernandez is one of the new bicycle security officers at the Tribe's Spirit Mountain Casino. Hernandez said that bikes make the officers more visible. The officers are outfitted with the same Fuji bikes as local police departments are using. "It's a lot more personable," said Hernandez.



Photo by Peta Tinda

Community Fund Passes the \$16 Million Mark

■ From the poverty of the Trail of Tears the community now has given away more than \$16 million.

By Ron Karten

With the April 18 gift of \$44,000 to the McMinnville Police Department for the Yamhill County Peer Court serving juvenile offenders, the Spirit Mountain Community Fund (SMCF) passed the \$16 million mark in giving. These gifts, coming since 1997, have improved the education, health and welfare of its neighbors — Native and not — across 11 western Oregon counties.

The Community Fund has grown into a point of nearly universal pride.

"It's very positive in my eyes," said Tribal Council member Bob Haller. "It's a great thing."

The fund's contributions to the surrounding communities have "skyrocketed," according to Tribal

Council member Ed Pearsall. "It's one of the best things the Tribe has done. People recognize that we're not just this sovereign nation out here. We're giving back to the community."

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde have come this far from just about holding on in the early 1990s. But the big picture goes back more than 8,000 years in the area — a history that speaks of great durability, tested most recently during the long and painful detour beginning with the Trail of Tears 150 years ago. This history has since been filled with unsigned treaty promises later reneged, treaties that given reasonable alternatives never would have been considered and more treaties signed

Fund continued on page 7



Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde
 Community of Oregon
 9615 Grand Ronde Road
 Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347
 Address Service Requested

PRESORTED
 FIRST-CLASS MAIL
 U.S. POSTAGE PAID
 SALEM, OR
 PERMIT NO. 178

OR NEWSPAPER PROJ. UO LIBRARY SYSTEM PRE
 1299 UNIVERSITY OF OREGON
 EUGENE OR 97403-1205