



2006 — Northwest Tribal canoe families joined in Grand Ronde to welcome the Tribe's handmade canoe "Stankiya," which means "change" in Chinuk Wawa. The handmade canoe measures 33 feet long and 5 feet wide and it was christened in the Tribe's gymnasium.

2001 — Tribal member Bryan Langley became the Short Term Training and Continuing Distance Education Specialist. He had worked 10 years previously with the Tribe's Social Services Department and the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority before transferring to the Education Department. He graduated from Western Baptist College with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

1996 — Spirit Mountain Casino's new restaurant, Legends, has been providing visitors with a glimpse of Grand Ronde's past by displaying enlarged reproductions of older photos, ranging from the first decade of the century through the 1940s. Among the more notable photos are pictures of Molalla Kate, who served as housekeeper to Dr. John McLoughlin, and her husband, Louis Chantelle, a horseback mailman.

1991 — Junior and Senior candidates for Miss Grand Ronde 1991-92 were Tina Bulter, Courtney Galligher, Amelia Haug, Krystal Schmid, Deana Gardner and Lisa Schmid.

1986 — Acting General Manager Jim Willis announced the hiring of two new employees. Alan Ham was hired as the Tribal social worker while Don Huston was hired as the Tribal social researcher. "Initially, these two individuals will make up the Tribal Social Services Department," Willis wrote. "We expect it will take a little time to get the program on its feet and to become fully integrated into the Tribal community."

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

School Clothes Program begins

The annual Social Services School Clothes Program is for enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member children.

Children must be of school age and enrolled in pre-school, elementary, middle or high school. Income criteria applies.

For more information or an application, contact the Tribe's Social Services Department at 800-242-8196 or 503-879-2034. Deadline for all applications is Sept. 15. ■

School supply gift cards available starting Aug. 15

School supply gift cards will be available from the Tribe's Youth Education Department for Tribal youth in grades kindergarten through 12th grade from Monday, Aug. 15, through Friday, Aug. 26, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Parents must provide either the youth's Tribal ID card or CIB. The gift cards cannot be mailed out. Tribal members who live out of the area may have a family member sign for a gift card with a permission note and the youth's proof of Tribal enrollment.

For more information, contact Toni Mercier at 503-879-2101 or toni.mercier@grandronde.org. ■

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Grand Ronde Royalty, from left, Princess Amaryssa Mooney, Senior Miss Grand Ronde Nakoosa Moreland, Princess Amelia Mooney and Princess Elizabeth Watson-Croy hand out Tribal pins and pamphlets to members of the National Association of Counties during their visit to the Tribal plankhouse on Saturday, July 16. The association, made up of county leaders, held its 76th annual Conference and Exposition in Portland and some members of the group made a trip to learn about Grand Ronde at the idea of Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith.



Tribal member and Tribal Language & Culture Specialist Bobby Mercier talks about Grand Ronde's history to members of the National Association of Counties during their visit to the Tribal plankhouse on Saturday, July 16. They also ate dinner at Spirit Mountain Casino during their trip.

Medicare Part B reimbursement notice for Tribal members

If you are a Grand Ronde Tribal member, have reached the age of retirement (65) or have started to receive Social Security Retirement or disability benefits through Social Security (SSD), you may be eligible to receive Medicare Part B benefits through the Tribe. To find out if you are eligible, or to get enrolled in Medicare Part B, please do the following; call toll-free 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or go online at www.medicare.gov. You will need to request an application for enrollment in Medicare Part B and return it to your local Social Security Office. Once you are enrolled in Medicare Part B through Social Security, you will need to call our office to request a Medicare Part B Reimbursement packet to apply. As a Grand Ronde Tribal member, the Tribe will reimburse your Medicare Part B premium each month at the standard rate.

Note: If you are currently on the Skookum Tribal Health Plan it is required that you accept Medicare Part B when you become eligible. By not accepting Medicare Part B, your coverage for medical expenses could be drastically reduced.

If you need a Medicare Part B reimbursement packet sent to you or have any questions regarding the Tribe's reimbursement program, please call Reina Nelson in Member Services at 503-879-2223 or toll-free at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2223. You may call Barbara Steere with questions regarding our Skookum Tribal Health Plan coverage at 503-879-2487 or toll-free at 1-800-749-2928. ■