



2007 — The Tribe traded 665 acres it purchased in 1998 in Columbia County for 230 acres — two parcels of Stimson land — bordering the Tribal Reservation. The trade will make harvesting and thinning processes easier than dealing with the timber in Scappoose, said Tribal Natural Resources Director Michael Wilson. The new Tribal property includes 70 acres adjacent to the Tribal Rodeo Grounds and 160 acres adjacent to the Reservation.

2002 — Tribal member Valorie Sheker Robertson completed her bachelor's degree in Management/Organizational Leadership from George Fox University in Newberg.

1997 — The third Security Guard Academy class graduated in mid-December. The six graduates were Glenda Lytle, Lila Musso, Jesse Robertson Jr., Mary Waggoner, Nathaniel McGee and Duane Many Hides.

1992 — A front-page photo featured Colleen Kimsey, 11-year-old Adam Leno and 10-year-old Samson George using 3-D concepts to build a Christmas gingerbread house. Cathy Cline took the photo.

1987 — The Tribe's hunting and fishing agreement with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife was approved. On Jan. 12, a U.S. District Court judge formally signed the decree, making it official. "This is a major step in getting the Grand Ronde Reservation established," said Tribal Chairman Mark Mercier.

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

Chinuk Wawa classes offered

The Tribe's Cultural Education Department offers adult Chinuk Wawa language classes from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday in Room 207 of the Tribal Education Building.

Language classes can be taken for college credit or for fun. For more information, call 503-879-2249 or 503-437-4599. ■

Elders' garage sale seeking donations

Tribal Elders are regularly seeking donations for their fundraising garage sales.

To donate an item or items, contact Tribal Elders Linda Brandon at 971-267-0918 or Duane Wheeler at 541-992-3254. ■

More interpretive signs to go up soon

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with Cultural Resources and Public Affairs, has "truly been a collaborative project," Karnosh said.

"We recently completed and installed a sign for Scio," said Brown, "and as a result of that event, we will be planning to co-sponsor a day of sharing and identification with the Scio Historical Society.

"There are so many farmers who have items (rock, points, baskets, etc.) that the idea came together that an opportunity to identify these items was not only necessary, it would also help build our relationship and the ties that we share with the Scio community."

The project has led to other things as well, said Karnosh, "which is going to be really helpful for the Tribe in the future."

He noted that METRO became involved in the Graham Oaks Park in Wilsonville, whereby METRO paid for the sign but Grand Ronde cultural specialists provided input on what the sign would say.

"They wanted a Tribal perspective," said Karnosh. "They heard that oaks were important to the Tribe culturally. That's really the value of this whole project, the chance for the Tribe to tell its own story on the ceded lands."

Interpretive signs also will be going up in Hunter Arboretum in Dallas in January or February, Salem Waterfront Park, the city of Tualatin, Canemah Bluff Park in Oregon City, one or two signs in Buford Park, a hiking park around Mt. Pisgah (outside of Springfield), and North Mountain Park in Ashland.

The idea, said Tribal Elder Bob Tom, is to make sure that people up and down the Willamette Valley learn about the Grand Ronde Tribe's ceded lands.

"The project has led to new I-5 bridge south of Eugene," Karnosh

said. "It's a major highway project and David Lewis got on the steering committee for the interpretive elements of that project. It's a huge project, right on the river. It is going to include interpretive signs and other material that are being built into the overall bridge project, and that's really exciting.

"Still another thing that this project has led to is in the near future we are going to be working with Tribal GIS Coordinator Volker Mell along with OIS and Cultural Resources to develop an interactive Web map of the ceded lands. So when it's finished it will be all clickable with images. People will be able to see the signs and graphics without having to get in their car and go there.

"We will be able to put a lot more information on the Web site that we couldn't fit on one sign panel. There's way too much information out there to put on one sign, but the Web address will be on all the signs. We're really excited about that because it will be a major outreach tool."

"We're doing a lot of work," said Lewis. "Many will be installed in the first part of the year."

Along with the sign at the Tribal convenience store, said Lewis, Tribal Council member photos will be improved by adding names and updating the framing.

"We've had lots and lots of help from Volker Mell in GIS and all the folks in Cultural have been great about providing content and their input on the interpretive signs," Karnosh said.

Public Affairs Director Siobhan Taylor made sure the events went off without a hitch.

"In Scio," Karnosh said, "for a tiny town, we had a huge turnout of local people and Tribal folks for the sign unveiling. It really felt like the whole town came out in support of this, which was really reassuring." ■



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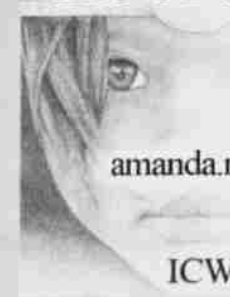
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