

**Elders' garage sale seeking donations**

Tribal Elders are regularly seeking donations for 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. ■

**Flagging Bonamici**



Photo courtesy of Tribal Attorney Rob Greene

Tribal Council members Kathleen Tom, left, and Chris Mercier gifted new Oregon District 1 Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici with a Grand Ronde Tribal flag during their trip to Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, March 7. Bonamici recently won a special election to succeed U.S. Rep. David Wu in the seat and will have to run for re-election to Congress again this November. Tom and Mercier were in Washington, D.C., attending the winter session of the National Congress of American Indians' Executive Council.



**2007** – Tribal Council members Cheryle A. Kennedy, Wink Soderberg, Kathleen Tom and Buddy West attended the inauguration of Dr. Thomas L. Hellie as Linfield College's 19th president. At a reception following the inauguration, the Tribal contingent presented Hellie with a Tribal logo Pendleton blanket and welcomed him to the community.

**2002** – Tribal members Steve Bobb Sr. and Brent Merrill completed the 265-mile walk from Table Rocks near Medford to Grand Ronde in 14 days. In the process, they also raised funds for the planned West Valley Veterans' Memorial in Grand Ronde. "Many years from now people can look at our memorial and think of Steve and Brent," Tribal Council Vice Chair Reyn Leno said at their homecoming reception in Grand Ronde.

**1997** – Willie Nelson was presented with a plaque after his sold-out show at Spirit Mountain Casino on March 6. It honored the fact that Nelson was the fastest-selling concert in casino history to date.

**1992** – The Tribal Dental Clinic opened on March 10 with Dr. Tammy McClung as the dentist, Tribal member Pam Wilson as the dental assistant and Rose Jimmicum (Makah) working as the dental receptionist. There were three treatment rooms, a lab, a sterilization area and two offices.

**1987** – Tribal members Eula and John Petite celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 7. Their daughter, Sister Kateri Petite, held a special Mass for them at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Grand Ronde with a reception that followed.

*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. ■

**SPRING BREAK**

**MARCH 26-29**

**Camp Westwind**

is open to Grand Ronde Tribal members, descendants, and Native students who participate in our program.

Spots are limited to 55 students and will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**6 - 12th grade only**

For more information, contact Chris Bailey @ 503-879-4534. Permission slips can be turned into the Youth Education front desk.

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