



2007 – The Tribe was working at the federal level to be included among the list of Tribes consulted on issues affecting the Columbia Gorge. The 1986 Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act only listed the Warm Springs, Yakama, Umatilla and Nez Perce as Tribes that need to be consulted about management of the area. Grand Ronde's inclusion in the Gorge Act "is a matter of fairness," said Tribal Attorney Rob Greene.

2002 – Tribal Finance Officer Larry Kovach introduced PaineWebber Vice President Mark Barnum to the Tribal membership. He explained changes in the Tribal investment strategies. It also was announced that Tribal Attorney Rob Greene was part of the Tribal Council-appointed Investment Committee.

1997 – Tammy Leno was the closest to guessing how many jelly beans were in a jar as part of a Tribal Easter Contest. Leno guessed 1,132 jelly beans, two less than were actually in the jar. In addition, Easter coloring contest winners were Rylan Martin, Katherine Warren and Alicia Finney.

1992 – Indian Health Service employees Bryson Liberty and Bruce Myers gave a presentation to Tribal Council about the effects of smoking in Indian Country. Myers said that up to 54 percent of adult Native Americans over 18 years of age smoke cigarettes regularly. "As a result, two out of every five deaths in Indian County are due to smoking," he added.

1987 – Linda Jirek (Oneida) joined the Tribe as administrative secretary. She was born and raised in Wisconsin and moved to Oregon in 1972. Her first job was at Chemawa Indian School, where she worked for about five years. She replaced Mary Ring, who transferred to the Social Services Department.

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

University of Oregon store seeks artwork for sale

The University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History's museum store, Past and Presents, is seeking a limited number of artists interested in selling their original artwork on consignment in the store. Pacific Northwest Tribal members interested in the opportunity should submit five images of their work for consideration to tracey@uoregon.edu. The university's Museum of Natural and Cultural History protects significant collections, enhances knowledge and encourages stewardship of human and natural history through research, preservation and education. Past and Presents offers a comprehensive selection of regional books and gifts that reflect the museum's exhibits, collections and research, as well as the inspiration of the Pacific Northwest landscape. For more information, contact Tracey Bell at 541-346-1574. ■

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Ambassadors visit



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Tribal Vice Chair Reyn Leno, left, is gifted a birch canoe, wild rice grass seed and a T-shirt by Benjamin Grignon (Menominee) after he, Tribal Council Secretary Jack Giffen Jr., behind Leno, and Tribal Council member Chris Mercier, middle, spoke to ambassadors from Americans for Indian Opportunity during the group's visit to Grand Ronde on Thursday, March 29. After talking with Tribal Council, Tribal member Eirik Thorsgard, Cultural Protection coordinator and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, gave a Tribal history presentation and the ambassadors, who are all Native American, visited the Tribe's plankhouse.

First Foods Celebration set for April 22

The annual First Foods Celebration, organized by the Tribe's Culture Committee, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 22, in the Tribal Community Center.

There will be an exhibit and lunch meal of traditional Native foods served at noon.

There also will be activities for children accompanied by an adult and include a coloring contest.

For more information, call Tribal Elder Betty Bly at 503-879-6336. ■

2012 Community Input meeting

The Tribe's annual Community Input meeting will be held in the gym after General Council on May 6 starting at approximately 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 6, 2012
10 a.m. General Council at the Community Center
Noon — Lunch
1 p.m. — Community Input Meeting at the Tribal Gym

The annual Grand Ronde Community Input meeting is offered as an opportunity for members to provide comments and suggestions, which will be used in helping guide Tribal programs and in preparing grant applications such as the HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant, the Administration for Native Americans and others. Those unable to attend can submit written comments and suggestions to: Kim Rogers, Planning & Grants Manager, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. For additional information, please contact Kim Rogers at 503-879-2250. ■

Positive Discipline class set for April 24

A "Parenting With Positive Discipline" class will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, in the Tribal Community Center.

The class, which includes lunch, will provide an overview of parenting that will help prevent power struggles and invite cooperation, reduce peer and sibling conflict, foster respect and responsibility and bring out the best in yourself and your children.

For more information, contact Amanda Mercier in the Tribe's Indian Child Welfare Program at 503-879-2039 or Amanda.mercier@grandronde.org.

The class is sponsored by Indian Child Welfare and Youth Prevention to support Child Abuse Prevention Month. ■