



**2007** – The Tribe celebrated the life of Jackie Whisler, who walked on Dec. 3. Born Jacquelyn Rae Mercier in McMinnville in 1951, she was remembered for her tireless work on the Tribe's Restoration effort in the late 1970s and early 1980s. After Restoration, Whisler was instrumental in teaching Chinuk Wawa to Tribal youth.

**2002** – Tribal members joined Tribal Elder Don Day in splitting cedar logs for a planned longhouse. Participants included Jesse Peters, Deitrich Peters, Norman Peters, Chad Peters and David Lewis. "Cedar is considered a sacred tree; a tree of life," Day said. In just a few hours, the six Tribal members removed about 400 board feet of planks from a fallen tree in Willamette National Forest.

**1997** – The Tribal Council Christmas Party was held Dec. 13 in Grand Ronde Elementary School. It featured free photos with Santa, a blessing and meal, preschool children singing Christmas carols and drawings for fruit baskets, plants and candy bags.

**1992** – Tribal Council members Mark Mercier, Kathryn Harrison and Merle Holmes met with representatives of Northwest Pipeline Corp. to work on an agreement to protect ancestral burial sites from pipeline construction. Tribal Council requested the meeting after learning of a burial disturbance at a natural gas pipeline worksite south of the Calapooia River near Brownsville. The company signed an agreement to prevent further disturbance or desecration of burial sites and sacred items.

**1987** – Tribal member Monte Ring was hired as the Tribe's Out-patient Alcohol Counselor. He was a former counselor at Red Willow American Indian Treatment Center in Gervais, Ore., and had worked in juvenile detention as a special deputy with the Sheriff's Department with an emphasis in alcohol and drug abuse.

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

## Department of the Interior seeking Grand Ronde Tribal member addresses

The Department of the Interior's Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians is seeking the addresses of 22 Grand Ronde Tribal members, according to Accounts Maintenance Technician Stephanie Pine.

Tribal members whose current whereabouts are unknown to the department are Teresa Bailey, Melvin Brisbois, Richard Oliver Brisbois, Allen Lewis Curl, Clifford P. Deane, Gail Ruth Grant, Tessa Dawn Grant, Fawn A. Haskins-Mack, Floriene Vivette Hoff, Dolly L. Howes, Kayla P. Kneeland, Darrel L. Mercier, Francis Michelle, Franklin Norwest, Sharon E. Provost-Carter, Sharmaine Scott, Francis Simmons, Faye Smith, Peter Sulkey, Frank Summers, Michael C. Wiggs and Robert J. Wiggs.

If your name is on this list, contact Rosie Selland in the Portland office of the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians at 503-231-6734 or Rosemary\_Selland@ost.doi.gov. ■

## Availability of transportation grant funds

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde announces the opportunity for eligible transportation providers to apply for federal \$5310 grant funds. Funds are allocated to the Tribe by the Oregon Department of Transportation. Grant applications are for the 2013-2015 Biennium. Projects providing transportation services to seniors and persons with disabilities are eligible for funding. Applications are available at the Public Transit Division Web site [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/PT](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/PT).

The application packet includes instructions and eligibility guidelines. Applications submitted for projects serving the Grand Ronde community must be submitted to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde not later than 4 p.m. Jan. 4, 2013. Contact Kim Rogers at 503-879-2250 or [kim.rogers@grandronde.org](mailto:kim.rogers@grandronde.org) for more information. ■

## Official Tribal Facebook pages

- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde: [www.facebook.com/CTGRgov](http://www.facebook.com/CTGRgov)
- Tribal Library: [www.facebook.com/CTGRLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/CTGRLibrary)
- Grand Ronde Higher Education: [www.facebook.com/grand.r.ed.3?ref=ts&fref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/grand.r.ed.3?ref=ts&fref=ts)
- Grand Ronde Youth Education: [www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthEducation](http://www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthEducation)
- Spirit Mountain Community Fund: [www.facebook.com/SpiritMountainCommunityFund](http://www.facebook.com/SpiritMountainCommunityFund)

## Volleyball nights held

The Tribe's Recreation Program has started an open volleyball night every Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Tribal gym. Volleyball is open to anyone who wishes to participate. For more information, contact Recreation Coordinator Matthew Mosley at 503-879-1369 or [matthew.mosley@grandronde.org](mailto:matthew.mosley@grandronde.org). ■

## Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program:

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**'Speaking for Children/Youth'**



The Tribal Court is looking for committed, caring adults who have an interest in helping one of the nearly 90 Grand Ronde children currently in foster care by becoming a CASA volunteer. As a volunteer, you will be trained to help give children a voice during a difficult time by appearing at Court, attending meetings involving the child, and advocating for the child's best interest.

For more information or to apply, contact Adrea Korthase, Tribal Court Program Specialist at 503-879-4623 or email [adrea.korthase@grandronde.org](mailto:adrea.korthase@grandronde.org)

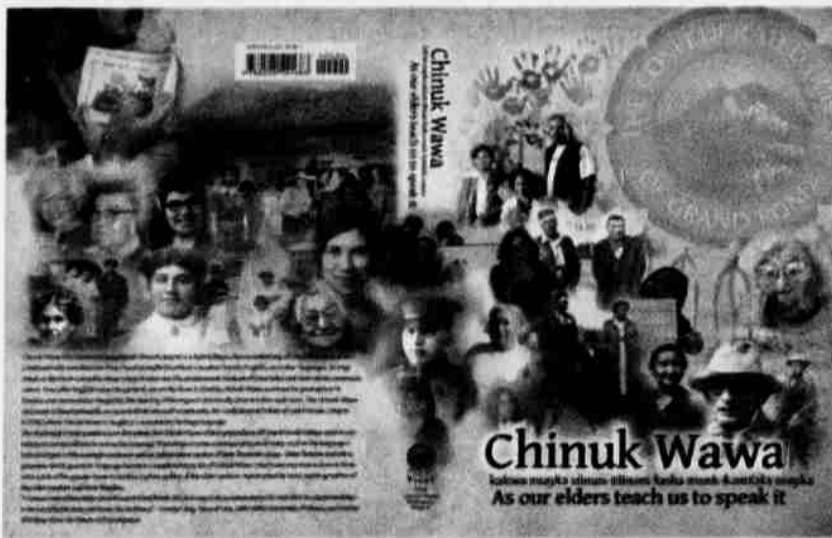
If you would like more information on how to volunteer and better serve our Tribal Children, please detach and complete this form and return it to: Tribal Court Programs Specialist, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347. For additional information, call 503-879-4623 or email [adrea.korthase@grandronde.org](mailto:adrea.korthase@grandronde.org)



- please send me a CASA Advocate Application
- please send me more information about the Tribal Court CASA Program

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## Chinuk Wawa Dictionary Order Form



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Books may be purchased from the Tribe's Cultural Resources Department located on the second floor of the Adult Education Building. To have an order mailed to you, please fill out the form and include an additional \$5.00 for shipping and handling costs.

Mail this form to:  
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