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Departments moving all over campus

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Office changes are moving about two dozen Tribal employees this month and Tribal members looking for the affected departments will have some adjusting to do.

The former Willamina Middle School building on Grand Ronde Road is being renovated to house seven Land and Culture Department positions.

"In the west wing, we're renovating pre-school and music rooms," said Tribal Engineer Jesse White, who is supervising the moves.

The Facilities Department is overseeing the work that includes new carpeting, lighting and a paint job. The Tribe also has hired an outside electrician and painter for some of the work.

"The middle school is the only area being remodeled," said White. "Other areas will just be cleaned with some paint touch-ups."

Former Cultural Resources Department staff members will be moving to the former middle school from the second floor of the Adult Education Building, which will soon house new positions from the Land and Culture Department, the Ceded Lands program formerly in Natural Resources, the Tribal Historical Preservation Office and three positions from Planning and Grants.

Planning and Grants Manager Kim Rogers and GIS Coordinator Volker Mell, who have been working on the second floor of the Governance Building, and a new Tribal Planner

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Marshall plan



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Bobby Mercier, left, Tribal cultural outreach specialist, educates the Marshall Memorial Fellows about the plankhouse and Trail of Tears pole during their visit to Grand Ronde on Sunday, March 10.

Six European Fellows visit Grand Ronde

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Six of Europe's best and brightest saw much that impressed them about the Grand Ronde people when they visited the Tribal plankhouse and Spirit Mountain Casino's buffet on Sunday, March 10.

Tribal Council member Chris Mercier called the plankhouse "our crown jewel."

Marshall Memorial Fellows from Madrid, Vienna, Ankara, Berlin and Warsaw met America by visiting people living in a variety of different circumstances.

The Marshall Memorial Fellowship was created by the United States in 1982 to introduce a new generation of European leaders to the United States.

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Tribal Easter tradition canceled



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Egg hunts will be on the program in Sheridan and Willamina

Children hunt for Easter eggs during the 2012 Easter Egg Hunt at Tribal Housing in Grand Ronde last April. This year's event has been canceled due to budgeting and staffing issues at the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority. It takes almost 50 staff hours to put the event together.

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Easter eggs will not roll in Grand Ronde Tribal housing this year. The annual event that goes back at least as far

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