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## Return of the Ring

*Grand Ronde employee sees return of cherished jewelry lost for 12 years*

By Ron Karten  
*Smoke Signals staff writer*

It was early 2000 when Tammy Garrison first saw the ring in a store window in Salem Center.

She kept walking by it, looking, attracted by the silver and amethyst.

"It wasn't fancy in any degree, but I liked the design of it," she said. "My youngest son, Daniel, was with me and finally told me to go in and get it as he was tired of walking past the darn window. So I did!"

Garrison was working as an administrative assistant for the Tribe's Social Services Department then and she still works there now. At the time, the department was

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

**Tammy Garrison, administrative assistant for the Tribe's Social Services Department, lost this silver and amethyst ring 12 years ago when the department's offices were housed in the modulars. It was recently found during demolition of those buildings and returned to her.**

## Paddle to Quinault



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

After paddling their final leg of the Paddle to Quinault, which was about 30 miles, pullers jump out of Štankiya to get ashore as the Grand Ronde Canoe Family arrives at Point Grenville, Wash., for landing day on Thursday, Aug. 1. More photos on pages 8-9.

## Effort planting roots of a productive community garden

By Ron Karten  
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With Tribal Council on board, an ad hoc group of Tribal departments has started to re-establish the community garden set up in 2005.

The garden sits on the 54.64-acre International Paper Co. property along Grand Ronde Road that was purchased by the Tribe in 1990 for \$35,000. The property is held in trust for the Tribe.

The land has been used by the Grand Ronde Food Bank and Tribal and community members since 2005, but not extensively.

"The (Grand Ronde) Food Bank gets a lot of the stuff from the garden that we give away," said Elder Julie Duncan, a Grand Ronde Food Bank board member. "There hasn't been a lot lately because it was overgrown. It's been a second thought at times."

In spring of this year, the Land and Culture Department secured Tribal Council support for bringing the garden back to life. Tribal departments and community members jumped on board and



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Cameron Riggs loosens dirt in a raised bed in the community garden in Grand Ronde on Friday, Aug. 9. In the background, Michael Wiggs clears weeds.

brainstormed about how to create interest and attract volunteers.

Enter Barbara Gibbons, 477 Vocational Rehabilitation caseworker, who came up with the idea of bringing in 477 workers as a start. They already had cleaned up many beds for next spring planting.

"A lot have been displaced or adopted out," said Gibbons, "and they

are trying to work their way back into the community."

The program has federal dollars for employment and training that allows Tribal 477 clients to work on things like soft skills, such as keeping a schedule and following

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