

May 14, 2009: Tribal flags are added to the Walks of Flags area at the state Capitol in Salem.

May 23, 2009: Spirit Mountain Casino opens the Mountain View Sports Bar and Raindrops Nightclub.

July 2009: The Tribe and West Valley Fire District sign an inter-governmental agreement to build a fire station in Grand Ronde.

September 2009: A new baseball field, complete with two dugouts, is constructed on the Tribal campus.

Oct. 2, 2009: The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission re-adopts a rule granting ceremonial hunting rights to the Tribe across the Trask Hunting Unit.

Nov. 2, 2009: Completion of the Grand Ronde Road improvement project is marked by a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Nov. 6, 2009: The Tribe purchases a new 20,000-square-foot building at 4445 S.W. Barbur Blvd. in which to house the Portland satellite office.

January 2010: Spirit Mountain Community Fund joins Facebook, the increasingly popular social media site.

February 2010: The Tribe receives a \$325,000 Indian Community Development Block Grant to double the size of the Tribal Library.

February 2010: Tribal staff move into the new Portland satellite office on Barbur Boulevard.

March 3, 2010: For the first time ever, the Tribe celebrates employees who have reached their 25th year of employment with the Tribe.

June 14, 2010: A Tribal contingent celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Tribe's agreement with the American Museum of Natural History in New York City by holding a ceremony with Tomanowos.

June 25, 2010: Grand opening of the Grand Ronde Fire Station at McPherson and Grand Ronde roads is celebrated.

Sept. 8, 2010: Spirit Mountain Community Fund surpasses the \$50 million mark in charitable giving.

Sept. 17, 2010: Grand opening of the new Tribal plankhouse.

October 2010: The Tribe establishes Twitter and Facebook social media accounts.

Dec. 9, 2010: An open house celebrates the 4,000-square-foot expansion of the Tribal Health and Wellness Center.

Jan. 19, 2011: The Tribe becomes a three-year sponsor of the Portland Rose Festival's Grand Floral Parade.

Jan. 30, 2011: The Tribal plankhouse is christened with a name, "Achaf-hammi," a Tualatin-Kalapuya word meaning "a house built of cedar planks."

May 2011: The Tribe agrees to buy the soon-to-be vacated middle school facility in Grand Ronde from the Willamina School District.

June 2, 2011: An open house celebrates the expansion of the Tribal Library.

July 2011: After a two-year hiatus because of difficult economic times, Spirit Mountain Stampede returns to the Tribal Rodeo Grounds.

Sept. 10, 2011: The Tribe signs a memorandum of understanding with the Bureau of Land Management and Nature Conservancy



regarding the management plan for Table Rocks.

Sept. 23, 2011: The Tribe holds its first-ever Tribal Government Day with the city of Portland.

Dec. 7, 2011: Spirit Mountain Community Fund tops \$55 million in charitable giving.

Dec. 16, 2011: The Tribe holds its first Salmon Celebration.

March 4, 2012: The Tribe celebrates the release of a new Chinuk Wawa dictionary, "Chinuk Wawa: As our elders teach us to speak it."

May 11, 2012: Spirit Mountain Community Fund celebrates its 15th anniversary.

July 11, 2012: The city of Portland formalizes coordination and consultation with Tribal governments.

Nov. 6, 2012: Oregonians reject two measures that would have amended the state Constitution to allow private casinos and would have specifically approved one in Wood Village.

Nov. 16, 2012: Alvin LaChance Jr. and Jake McKnight are sworn in as the first two members of the Grand Ronde Police Department.

Nov. 27, 2012: Two charging stations for electric cars become

operational at the Grand Ronde convenience store.

Dec. 26, 2012: The Grand Ronde Rail Depot is named to the National Register of Historic Places.

Feb. 11, 2013: The Tribe becomes a minority owner of SAM Medical Products in Wilsonville.

April 11, 2013: The Tribe mounts the exhibit "We Were Here First ... And We're Here to Stay!" at the Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill in Salem.

April 2013: The Tribe begins an enrollment audit to ensure its enrollment is historically accurate.

April 2013: The Lands Management and Cultural Resources departments are merged into one entity, the new Land and Culture Department.

May 1, 2013: Two new police of-



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ficers were sworn in to the Grand Ronde Police Department.

May 6, 2013: The Tribe held a First Salmon Ceremony at the McLean House in West Linn, marking the first time in 130 years Tribal members held such a ceremony on the banks of the Willamette River.

May 2013: The first Tribal students graduated Willamina High School with both high school and college credit for learning their Native language, Chinuk Wawa.

May 29, 2013: Mindy Lane is sworn in as the first female member of the Grand Ronde Police Department.

June 2013: The Tribe acquires the 338-acre Chahalpam property on the North Santiam River southeast of Salem in Marion County and just downstream from Stayton.

June 9, 2013: The Tribe hosted the first-ever four-day Veterans' Summit at Uyxat Powwow Grounds.

Sept. 25-29, 2013: For the first time in more than 100 years, a Coming of Age Ceremony is held for Tribal girls.

Nov. 22-23, 2013: The Tribe cel-