

**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 Stampedo 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-