



2009 – A group of Grand Ronde Tribal members and Tribal employees were scheduled to travel to Washington, D.C., and spend a week connecting with officials of the new Barack Obama administration, as well as newly elected Oregon members of Congress. Among those going were Tribal Attorney Rob Greene and Tribal Council members Cheryle A. Kennedy, Jack Giffen Jr., Steve Bobb Sr. and Wink Soderberg.

2004 – A traditional Indian name-giving ceremony was scheduled as the family of Tribal Elder Merle Holmes was preparing to give his son, Jim, a Native name. Holmes had enlisted the help of Warm Springs Medicine Man Wilbur Johnson and Larry Dick to oversee the ceremony. Holmes said he has always called his son “rabbit.” “It will be with him all the time,” Holmes said about naming his son.



File photo

1999 – The first meeting of the ad hoc Veterans Memorial Committee was scheduled for Feb. 21. One of Tribal Council’s priorities for 1999 was to erect a memorial in recognition and appreciation of Tribal members who have served in the armed forces and fought America’s wars.

1994 – Tribal Council Vice Chair Kathryn Harrison was elected to the Native American Rights Fund board of directors. Based in Boulder, Colo., the Rights Fund board meets twice a year to discuss specific rights issues concerning Native peoples in the United States.

1989 – Weather was so bad that the February General Council meeting was canceled. *Smoke Signals* featured photos of Tribal Chairman Mark Mercier clearing snow from the stairs leading into the Tribal office, as well as a picture of long icicles hanging off the side of the building.

1984 – The Indian Health Service contacted Willamina Drug and Sheridan Drug about the Grand Ronde Tribe’s November 1983 Restoration to federal recognition and Tribal members’ prescriptions could now be filled at the two local stores.

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

CTGR TERO program seeking construction workers and contractors

The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is developing a list of Tribal member and Indian workers who are interested in obtaining job assignments on construction projects. TERO is also preparing a list of Tribal and Indian businesses (IOBs). IOBs will be certified to become eligible to participate in contracting opportunities in fulfillment of IOB preference provisions contained in the TERO Ordinance.

Construction work will be primarily in heavy highway construction on projects throughout the region. CTGR and ODOT negotiated an agreement that provides hiring preference to Indians who are dispatched to projects through TERO. Once the agreement is in place, those with experience in the construction trades will have immediate opportunities for employment. In addition, those seeking to begin careers in the construction trades may be eligible for training opportunities available including on-the-job training and apprentice assignments.

TERO preference requirements also apply to all construction projects on the reservation and a need for workers and contractors experienced in the building trades will create opportunities for employment. Contracting opportunities for IOBs also will be available on these projects.

Applications are available by contacting the TERO Program Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 (located in Human Resources in the Governance Center). For more information, contact Greg Azure at 503-879-2251. ■

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNAL OPENINGS

- **Certified Application Assistor**
Limited duration of 10 months
Business Office
Grade: 7
Closing date: March 4
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Pharmacy
Grade: 7
Closing date: March 4
- **AFC Caregiver**
Adult Foster Care
Grade: 5
Closing date: March 4
- **Parks and Recreation Specialist**
Natural Resources
Grade: 8
Closing date: March 4

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL

- **Financial Risk Manager**
Finance
Grade: 15
Closing date: March 7
- **Adult Foster Director (RN)**
Adult Foster Home
Grade: 14
Closing date: March 11
- **Adult Foster Care Manager (Non RN)**
Adult Foster Care
Grade: 12
Closing date: March 11
- **Forestry Technician (Fire Suppression/Prevention)**
Natural Resources
Grade: 6
(On call)
Closing date: April 11

EXTERNAL OPENINGS

- **Audit Manager**
Gaming Commission
Grade: 16
Open until filled
- **AFC Caregiver (on-call)**
Adult Foster Care
Grade: 5
Open until filled
- **Executive Director**
Limited Term appointment of 2-3 years
Housing Authority
Grade: 17
Open until filled

Internal applicants are

1. Current Regular Employee, past their six-month Introductory period, receiving at least a “meets expectations” on most recent performance evaluation and not under disciplinary action or performance improvement within the previous six months,
2. Grand Ronde Tribal members
3. Spouse of a Grand Ronde Tribal member or
4. Parent or legal guardian of Grand Ronde Tribal member children

Internal recruitment
For those individuals meeting minimum qualifications an interview will be given in the following ranking order:

1. Grand Ronde Tribal members
 - a) Qualified Grand Ronde Tribal members who show they meet the minimum qualifications of the position during the course of the interview process will be given first consideration for hire and the recruitment process will end
2. Tribal member spouses, parents and/or legal guardians of Grand Ronde Tribal member children
3. Current regular employees

For a detailed job description, please contact the Tribe’s job line at 503-879-2257 or 1-877-TRIBEGR.

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