



**2009** – U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader introduced House Resolution 3514, which would amend the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act to include the Grand Ronde Tribe. The act lists the Nez Perce Tribe, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. “Grand Ronde is a Columbia River Tribe and there is no reason to deny the Tribe an equal voice with the other Tribes under the Scenic Area Act,” he said.



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**2004** – A Tribal satellite office in Portland opened at 3312 S.W. Kelly, funded by an Administration for Native Americans grant. Eighty-six percent of Tribal members living in Portland who answered a 2002 Tribal survey said that they would use a satellite office as a first step in seeking Tribal services.

**1999** – The second annual Chinook Jargon Conference was held over three days in Grand Ronde, drawing a fairly even distribution of Tribal members and outside academics. Of the 30 participants, the Tribal perspective ranged from 6-year-old Kim Contreras to Tribal Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison. “For some of our people, Chinook was the only language they spoke, so then even God would have to learn it, don’t you think?” Harrison said.

**1994** – Construction started on the Tribe’s \$21 million gaming center, which is scheduled for a grand opening in August 1995. “Ours is the only Indian gaming project that has managed to obtain financing through a major commercial lender,” said Bruce Thomas, director of Spirit Mountain Development Corp. about an \$18.5 million loan approved by John Hancock Insurance Co.

**1989** – *Smoke Signals* and Tribal archives do not have a copy of the September 1989 edition.

**1984** – About 150 people attended the Mercier Family and Friends reunion. Tommy and Lori Fuentes from Warm Springs brought salmon and eels to help celebrate. Attendees had a good time with swimming, horseshoes, volleyball and playing cards.

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

## Fundraising continues

CHACHALU continued  
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ists to improve, enrich and give greater expression to humanitarian endeavors in Oregon, and to assist in improving the quality of life in the state, according to the mission statement on its website.

Previously, the Chachalu Phase II capital campaign has received \$250,000 from the Meyer Memorial Trust and grants from the Oregon Community Foundation (\$35,000) and the Ford Family Foundation (\$200,000). In addition, two grants from other Oregon Tribes included \$15,000 from the Umatilla’s Wildhorse Foundation and \$13,384 from the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw’s Three Rivers Foundation.

“The process of obtaining these grants included many meetings and coordination with the foundations,” said Land and Culture Department Manager Jan Looking Wolf Reibach. “Together with Finance and Tribal Council, the capital campaign team worked to create a new process to provide the Tribe’s financial information securely to the foundations in order to meet the broadened requirements compared to most federal grant applications.

“We continue to move forward with fundraising efforts paralleled with management and continued development of Land and Culture

and Chachalu. Full updates of the Chachalu capital campaign with financials, projections, plans and recommendations shall be provided to Tribal Council in September.”

Long a dream of the Tribe, a Tribal museum and cultural center received a jump-start in the summer of 2011 when the Tribe purchased the former Grand Ronde Middle School site from the Willamina School District.

After almost three years of planning and renovation work, Phase I of the Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center opened on June 5. Since then, there have been more than 1,000 visitors and dozens of tours conducted at Chachalu, Reibach said.

With current fundraising successes, more than 25 percent of the cost for Phase II has been raised, Reibach added. The next phase will include 4,500 square feet of additional exhibit space, new classrooms, a conference area and a history research library.

Chachalu is a Tualitan Kalapuya word meaning “place of the burnt timber” that people used to reference areas of Grand Ronde affected by a devastating forest fire that occurred in the mid-1800s.

“Chachalu is the name chosen for the Tribal museum and cultural center because, as with our land, the Tribe is healing from the past and continues to provide for our people,” Reibach said. ■

## Lab, Radiology changes hours

Starting on Aug. 18, the Lab and Radiology Department at the Health & Wellness Clinic changed its hours to 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. It opens on 9:30 a.m. Thursday and closes for lunch from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. daily.

For more information, contact Lab Assistant Niki Iott at 503-879-1435. ■

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# Renewing Spirits luncheon

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