



**2009** – The Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission unanimously re-adopted a rule granting ceremonial hunting rights to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde across the Trask Hunting Unit. The rule was first adopted by the state in April 2008.

**2004** – Workers from Howard S. Wright Construction and the Grand Ronde Tribal construction crew finished the last of 15 concrete pours on the Spirit Mountain Lodge expansion. More than 5,000 cubic yards of concrete were used to build the new expansion, which is expected to open in March or early April 2005. The expansion will house 163 rooms with the top floor housing 13 double-room suites.

**1999** – Spirit Mountain Community Fund committed \$266,000 to the Oregon Garden Foundation for restoration and preservation of a 25-acre stand of native Oregon white oak trees on the grounds of the Oregon Garden in Silverton.

**1994** – The Grand Ronde Tribe assumed the responsibility for providing general assistance to its members on Oct. 1. The General Assistance Program was operated under the Health and Human Services Division, Family Action Program. Clients who have been determined eligible for general assistance by the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Siletz Agency office had their cases transferred to the Tribe.

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

**1984** – The Tribe's Health Program staff, led by Health Director Cheryle A. Kennedy, started work on Oct. 16 in the Depot Office. Other employees were Community Nurse Assistant Bonnie Martin, Health Clerk Tresa Mercier and Outreach workers Kathrine Olson, AnnaBelle Hamm, Georgene Gillispie and Diana Harrison.

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



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## Native flags flying



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

**Tribal Council Secretary Toby McClary helped hang and raise the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde flag during the Native American flagpole dedication ceremony held at the University of Oregon's Erb Memorial Union Amphitheater in Eugene on Thursday, Oct. 2. The project was initiated by students and took two years to complete, but now flags from each of Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes will fly permanently showing Native students that they have a home at the university. The University of Oregon becomes the first Pac-12 school to have Native flags flying on its campus.**



**From left, Bobby Mercier, Travis Stewart, Brain Krehbiel and Eirik Thorsgard sing an honor song during the Native American flagpole dedication ceremony held at the University of Oregon's Erb Memorial Union Amphitheater in Eugene on Thursday, Oct. 2.**

## Help needed identifying plots

The Facilities Department is asking for help identifying veteran's plots. If your family member or friend is a veteran and we do not have a veteran's flag present on their plot on holidays, please inform us.

We will do our best to mark all plots of veterans. Contact Adam Leno at 503-879-5525 or adam.leno@grandronde.org. ■

# Indian Taco Feed



**When: Oct. 20**  
**Where: Elder Activity Center**  
**Time: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Indian Tacos (vegetarian option) \$5**  
**Fry Bread \$3**

\*All proceeds will go to help the garden with supplies needed.  
 \*Donations will be accepted at this time also.

**\*Help support the Community Garden**

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## Tribe receives Oral History grant

The Tribe received a two-year grant from the Administration for Native Americans' Social & Economic Development Strategies Cultural Development Project for its Oral History project.

The Tribe received its full request for year one of \$253,692 and the second year award was approved for the full sum of \$280,758.

The two-year project includes funds for a full-time Oral History specialist and portions of other staff. The combined two-year budget includes \$106,000 for museum renovations, \$26,481 for exhibit design, and about \$20,000 for a consultant stipend to help with the Tribe's eighth-grade curriculum development and oral histories.

The Tribe applied for funding to help with oral history interviews and creating digital recordings for use in educating members and nonmembers in Tribal history and culture, as well as creating and piloting Tribal history eighth-grade lesson plans, drafting exhibit design, and creating a research library and conference room area renovation improvements.

These competitive financial assistance grants support locally determined projects designed to reduce or eliminate community problems and achieve community goals. ■