



**2010** – Spirit Mountain Community Fund created a Facebook page and was making a public plea for “friends.” “By sharing our rich Tribal history and news of the charities we fund, we hope to encourage Tribal members to join us in making positive change,” said Community Fund Director Shelley Hanson.



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**2005** – Tribal Council approved a \$10,000 donation to the American Red Cross to help the victims of a devastating tsunami that occurred in the Indian Ocean. “We are trying to reach out to those people with the most need,” said Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy.

**2000** – Tribal Council members Ed Larsen and Butch LaBonte will serve on a new Transportation Advisory Committee for Yamhill County. The information gathered from 4,000 surveys sent out to county residents will help plan the future of public transportation.

**1995** – *Smoke Signals* announced its plan to begin publishing twice a month beginning in February. “This change will allow Tribal members to read more current news, updated job announcements and current activities the Tribe will be hosting,” Editor Tracy Olson wrote.

**1990** – *Smoke Signals* and Tribal archives do not have a copy of the January 1990 edition.

**1985** – A Tribal election will be held in March to elect a new Tribal Council in accordance with the Restoration Act, which stated that an election must be held within 120 days of the date that the Secretary of the Interior signs the Tribal Constitution, which occurred on Nov. 30, 1984.

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

## Elders’ phone numbers wanted

The Tribal Elders Committee is compiling a volunteer phone list of Elders. If you would like to submit your phone number and address to be available to other Elders, send it to [elders.committee@grandronde.org](mailto:elders.committee@grandronde.org) or leave a message at 503-879-2231. ■

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Presents... **THE BOOK OF LIFE**

**Date: Jan. 30, 2015**

**Time: 6 p.m.**

**Where: Tribal Gym**

We will provide dessert,  
build your own sundae  
Water  
and fruit snacks  
There will be 3 door prizes

No smoking within 10 feet of event. Please dispose of cigarette butts safely and properly. Thank you

If you have any questions you can contact Shannon Stanton  
503-879-1489 or by email  
[shannon.stanton@grandronde.org](mailto:shannon.stanton@grandronde.org)

Thank you for respecting Grand Ronde Community & culture by not displaying gang affiliation and by not bringing drugs, alcohol or weapons to this event.

Ad created by George Valdez

## Certified Application Assister sets Portland dates

Certified Application Assister Loretta Meneley will be at the Tribe’s Portland office, 4445 S.W. Barbur Blvd., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, and Tuesday, Feb. 10 and 24, and Tuesday, March 10 and 24, to provide information and answer questions about applying for an exemption from the shared responsibility payment, as well as to sign up members for health insurance.

For more information, contact Meneley at 503-879-1359 or by e-mail at [loretta.meneley@grandronde.org](mailto:loretta.meneley@grandronde.org). ■

## Overcoming obstacles to dental care

The Save Our Skookum team hopes to make accessing dental care easier for Grand Ronde members. Starting in January 2015, the Skookum Health Assistance Program will be changing the way payment for dental care is made. Dental services will no longer be paid at a percentage of the fee charged to the program. Dental treatment will be paid at the approved, charged amount, up to the amount available by the Skookum Health Assistance Program. Hopefully, this new way of paying for dental services will increase Tribal members’ participation in receiving dental treatment.

As always, any primary dental coverage you may have needs to be used first. To avoid denials of payment by Skookum, make sure you use in-network providers for any primary dental coverage you may have.

We know this may sound confusing and ask that if you have any questions, call one of the SOS team members and we will be happy to explain it further.

**The following services are not covered by Skookum or are covered under medical, as stated:**

- Cosmetic procedures;
- Personal care items;
- Splints;
- TMJ periodontal splinting;
- Gold dental treatment;
- Culture and biopsy covered under medical.

\*Hospital Services – These services may be covered under the medical provisions of the health plan with proper documentation of medical necessity; hospital outpatient services, including anesthesia for pediatric dental.

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Any member of the SOS team also can be reached at 1-800-775-0095.

## Construction workers needed for work on upcoming projects

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is seeking construction workers who are CTGR Tribal members and enrolled members of federally-recognized Indian Tribes to participate in a workforce that is being prepared for deployment on construction projects. Projects are located on the Grand Ronde Reservation and on ODOT projects in various locations in northwestern Oregon.

TERO is looking for workers in the following job classifications:

- Carpenter
- Laborer
- Equipment operator
- Cement masons
- Truck driver
- Electricians
- Ironworkers
- Loggers
- Painters
- Asphalt workers

In addition, TERO is also seeking experienced Native American highway traffic control flaggers for assignments to projects. A limited amount of training positions in construction trades are available to candidates who meet apprenticeship requirements.

For an application to be considered for these opportunities or for more information, go to [www.grandronde.org/tero](http://www.grandronde.org/tero), e-mail at: [tero@grandronde.org](mailto:tero@grandronde.org) or call 503-879-2188. ■