



2010 – The Tribe was encouraging Tribal members to fill out their U.S. Census forms and specify that they are Grand Ronde Tribal members instead of Molalla, Kalapuya, Chasta, Rogue River or Umpqua. Although Tribal members might recognize themselves by their band, the federal government only recognizes Tribal members by their Tribal name on the federal register.

2005 – Construction on a new building to house records archiving, procurement and facilities programs was being aided by unseasonably warm weather. The 4,200-square-foot building was scheduled to be completed by March 15.



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2000 – The Grand Ronde Tribe signed a memorandum of understanding with Willamette National Forest that states the forest will seek the Tribe’s input and consultation on forest management practices. Tribal Council Chair Kathryn Harrison and Forest Supervisor Darrel Kenops signed the MOU in the Governance Center Atrium.

1995 – Good weather also was helping the construction of the Tribe’s new gaming facility. “We are almost finished with the foundation work,” said Bruce Thomas, Spirit Mountain Development Corp. director. “The nice weather has really helped.”

1990 – Tribal Council Chairman Mark Mercier presented the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners with a \$20,000 check as a one-time payment toward revenues lost by the county upon the establishment of the Grand Ronde Reservation.

1985 – *Smoke Signals* and Tribal archives do have a copy of the February 1985 edition.

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

Mayor visits



Photo by Ron Karten

From left, Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno and Tribal Council members Cheryle A. Kennedy and Jon A. George talk with Portland Mayor Charlie Hales, second from left, during his Tuesday, Feb. 10, visit to the Tribe. Hales was part of a team briefing Tribal Council on the proposed James Beard Public Market project, which will be located at the foot of the west end of the Morrison Bridge across Southwest Naito Parkway from Tom McCall Waterfront Park and the Willamette River, and is anticipated to open in 2018. Project leaders, including Hales, met with Tribal Council to describe the project and seek the Tribe’s potential economic participation. The group also included Richard Harris, president of the Public Market’s Board of Trustees; Ron Paul, executive director of the Public Market; Pietro Ferrari, Community Advisory Team chairman on the market’s Board of Trustees; and Lucy Buchanan, Public Market development consultant, who is leading the project’s \$25 million capital campaign. Tribal Council gifted Hales a fish club made by Tribal artisan Brian Krehbiel. Other Tribal Council members present at the briefing were Vice Chair Jack Giffen Jr., Secretary Toby McClary and members Tonya Gleason-Shepek, Denise Harvey and Ed Pearsall.

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Facilities seeks help identifying veterans’ plots

The Facilities Department is asking for help in identifying the plots of veterans buried in the Tribal Cemetery. If your family member or friend is a veteran and there is not a U.S. flag present on their plot on holidays, such as Memorial Day, please contact the department, which will do its best to mark all gravesites of veterans.
For more information, contact Facilities at 503-879-2195. ■

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, e-mail at tero@grandronde.org or call 503-879-2188. ■

WIC to visit Community Health

Pregnant? Breastfeeding? Does your family include a child under the age of 5? If so, you may qualify for the Women, Infants and Children program. With WIC, people can receive answers to nutritional questions and access fruits and vegetables, whole grains, eggs, milk, cheese, juice, cereal and more. A WIC representative will be at Community Health on the first and third Tuesday of the month between 9 and 11 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.
For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 503-879-2078. ■

STORIES OF GRAND RONDE ROYALTY PAST AND CURRENT

The Land and Culture Department is launching a new Oral History project beginning March 1st, 2015. This project will highlight the stories of our past and current royalty contestants and facilitators. We encourage any Tribal Members who have participated in Royalty to share their experiences so they will be available for future generations by becoming part of the Tribe’s archives here at Chachalu.

What we accomplish today is tomorrow’s history.

Please contact Bradley Leno at 503-879-2194 to set up a time to share your story.

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