



2010 – Two Tribal employees – Bonnie Mercier and Tresa Mercier – became the first to celebrate silver anniversaries as employees. Both were hired in October 1984. Bonnie worked as the Tribal Wellness manager and Tresa was, and still is, the Health & Wellness Business Office manager.

2005 – Earnest L. Stevens Jr., president of the Washington, D.C.-based National Indian Gaming Association, addressed the Oregon Tribal Gaming Association to release the report, “The Contributions of Indian Gaming to Oregon’s Economy.” In Oregon in 2003, Tribal gaming generated more than \$42.6 million in state and local taxes while saving almost \$7.1 million in public assistance costs through increased employment.

2000 – In an effort to honor the past and recognize the importance of sharing the Trail of Tears story with future generations, the Tribe held a Trail of Tears Commemorative Walk, featuring the participation of local youth from Grand Ronde Elementary School, who walked up Grand Ronde Road to the Governance Center.



File photo

1995 – Troutdale artist Rip Caswell’s twice-life-size bronze of Martha Jane Sands was nearing completion. The bronze for Spirit Mountain resort shows Sands passing on the culture and tradition of basketry to her granddaughter.

1990 – The Tribe held a public hearing on its Health, Education and Housing Tribal Trust Funds. The purpose of the hearing was to collect information and comments from the membership on the draft policies written for each area. Comments were directed to Health Director Cheryle A. Kennedy, Education Director Dean Azule and Housing Director Dave Bailey.

1985 – Tribal officials met with numerous elected and administration officials in Washington, D.C., regarding the Tribe fulfilling its responsibilities as required under the Grand Ronde Restoration Act.

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

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Shannon Simi, Tribal Council administrative assistant, left, and Tribal Council Vice Chair Jack Giffen Jr., right, gift Smoke Signals Staff Writer Ron Karten a Tribal logo Pendleton blanket during his retirement party in the Governance Center break room on Friday, Feb. 27. After writing more than 1,000 stories, receiving numerous awards and working almost 13 years for the Tribal Publications Department, Karten retired on Feb. 28. He said his plans in retirement include projects at his Dayton-area home, photography and playing numerous rounds of golf.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney’s Office, is considering amendments to the Children and Families Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a First Reading at the Feb. 11, 2015, Tribal Council meeting. The primary purpose of the proposed amendments is to ensure grandparents are given notice of hearings in dependency cases.

The Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments to the Children and Families Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney’s Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney’s Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347, or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org. Comments must be received by March 31, 2015. ■

TRIBAL HOUSING ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council adopted, on an emergency basis, amendments to the Housing Ordinance at the Feb.11, 2015, Tribal Council meeting.

The primary purpose of the amendments is to consolidate the housing program with other Tribal programs by dissolving the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority and creating a Housing Department under the General Manager, and to replace the Housing Board with a Grievance Review Board to hear tenant and applicant matters and to provide policy guidance to the Housing Department.

The Tribal Council invites comment on the amendments to the Tribal Housing Ordinance. For a copy of the amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney’s Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney’s Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347, or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org. Comments must be received by April 15, 2015. ■

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. ■



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Behaviors and the IEP

Does your child’s behavior affect their learning or the learning of other children in the classroom?



Please join us for a review of the protections provided to children under the Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA) as it relates to behavior in the school setting.

Date: Friday, March 27, 2015

Time: 12:15 PM to 3:15 PM

Location: Confederated Tribes of
Grand Ronde, Adult Education Bldg.
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9615 Grand Ronde Road
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TOPICS INCLUDE

- * Overview of the law in OR
- * Functional Behavioral
- * Assessments (FBA’s)
- * Behavior Support Plans

Cost: Free

Registration is required

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By phone or email, contact Victoria: victoriah@ofsn.net or 503-709-1366