



2010 – The Grand Ronde Community Resource Center, which runs the local food bank, moved into the Bailey house located near the entrance to Fort Yamhill State Park and the Tribe's Uyxat Powwow Grounds off Hebo Road. The process of moving took three months, including renovation of the Bailey house. The move was forced by a rickety bridge in the Bunnsville area, as well as foundation and structural problems at the previous facility.



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2005 – Gov. Ted Kulongoski approved an off-reservation casino in Cascade Locks for the Warm Springs Tribe. The amended compact raised questions of sovereignty and fairness for the state's other eight federally recognized Tribes and prompted Grand Ronde leaders to investigate moving within the Tribe's ceded lands, including the Portland area.

2000 – Spirit Mountain Casino's Food & Beverage Department served more than 3 million meals in 1999. Approximately 390 people worked in the department and 138 worked in the buffet kitchen. Besides being the largest single account for Pepsi syrup in the state, the Food & Beverage Department purchased more than 4 million cups to serve soft drinks and coffee.

1995 – The Tribe signed an agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to continue its upkeep of Nelson's Checkermallow plants that were growing in the path of the new casino. Although under no legal obligation, the Tribe transplanted 299 plants to a different location on Tribal property, and most of them survived the winter.

1990 – Tribal Elders enjoyed a trip to the Old Mill Museum in Salem in their new van, which was comfortable and gave an enjoyable ride. After the museum, they went to Bonanza for lunch.

1985 – Because of the Easter holiday, the General Council meeting was moved to April 14. Tribal Historian Barbara Lane of Victoria, British Columbia, was scheduled to speak.

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

Veterans SEB slates Memorial Day event

The Tribe's Veterans Special Event Board will hold the traditional Memorial Day event beginning at noon Monday, May 25, with a ceremonial meal in the Community Center.

At 1 p.m., the formal ceremony will begin with Veterans Special Event Board Chairman Steve Bobb Sr., a Vietnam-era Marine Corps veteran, giving the invocation and acting as master of ceremonies.

Tribal member Jolanda Catabay will sing the national anthem and Royalty will perform "The Lord's Prayer." The Grand Ronde Honor Guard will post the colors and Land and Culture Manager Jan Looking Wolf Reibach will perform a medley of taps and "Amazing Grace" on Native flute.

Speakers will include Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno, also a Vietnam-era Marine Corps veteran, and Jerry Wilson, Yamhill County Veterans' Services officer.

The names of veterans being added to the West Valley Veterans Memorial also will be read. ■

Committees plan meet-and-greet with providers

The Tribe's Social Services and Health committees will be holding a meet and greet with providers and the Sexual Assault Response Resource Circle from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 27, in the Elders Activity Center, 48940 Blacktail Drive.

There will be a light lunch provided and door prizes.

For more information, contact Jamie Adams at the Health and Wellness Center at 503-879-5086. ■

Eastern Oregon honors Grant through First Citizens Award

By Laura Hancock

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LA GRANDE – Money contributions that benefit Eastern Oregon University students through scholarships are always significant and donations made to the First Citizens Award are particularly meaningful this year.

Jacqueline "Jackie" Leno Grant, former director of Rural and Native American Programs at Eastern Oregon, passed away in April 2014 following a battle with severe acute pancreatitis. She helped establish the First Citizens Award for American Indian and Alaskan Native students and now donations are being made to the fund honoring her memory.

Jay Kenton, interim Eastern Oregon president, contributed \$5,000 as part of a matching gift drive the university administration and Foundation Board of Trustees participated in last fall.

"The First Citizens Award is a very special program in memory of a very special person," Kenton said. "It is an honor for me to contribute to such a noble cause in Jackie's memory."

All gifts received to the First Citizens Award may be made in memory and honor of Grant at any time.

In addition to Grant's long and dedicated career at Eastern Oregon, she also led programs for the Oregon Indian Education Association and Oregon Indian Coalition on Post-Secondary Education. She was



Jackie Leno Grant

an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and played an integral part in the annual Indian Arts Festival and Powwow on

campus as the adviser to Speel-Ya, the Native American Student Council.

"Jackie touched many students' lives throughout her life and career at EOU," said Shoshoni Walker, current coordinator of the Rural and Native American Program. "She will always continue to positively influence the lives of American Indian students through the First Citizens Award."

The award encourages eligible students to enroll in and complete a four-year degree from Eastern Oregon. The scholarship is renewable up to five years and has an option to increase in award amount each year the recipient maintains all eligibility requirements.

To learn more about the scholarship, contact Walker at 541-962-3588 or by e-mail at walkerss@eou.edu.

To learn how to contribute to the fund, contact the Eastern Oregon University Foundation at 541-962-3740 or visit www.eou.edu/foundation/giving. Donations are tax deductible and may be public or anonymous. ■

Ritchey to speak to support group

Dr. Kris Ritchey will speak about "Salt/sugar/fat: The rest of the story" during the Diabetic Support Group meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, in the Tribal Community Center.

A healthy lunch also will be provided.

For more information, contact the Community Health Department at 503-879-2078. ■

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. ■