



2010 – The new Tribally funded fire station at the corner of McPherson and Grand Ronde roads was preparing to open. The new \$1 million facility will be operated by West Valley Fire District and provide fire and emergency medical services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and eliminate



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the wait for emergency medical services to arrive from Willamina.

2005 – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde joined the Port of Portland and the Farmers Irrigation District in Hood River as winners of Stewardship and Conservation Awards from the Oregon Water Resources Division. The Tribe's award was for its numerous habitat restoration and fish passage improvements on the South Yamhill Basin, including being one of the first Oregon Tribes to secure approval of an endangered species management plan.

2000 – Tualatin Riverkeepers honored the Tribe at its second annual Green Heron Award in the community group category for providing the blessing and offerings for Ki-A-Kuts Falls. The naming ceremony for the falls occurred on June 21, 1999, and the falls were named after the 19th century Kalapuyan chief.

1995 – Eric Webster joined the Tribe as the new dentist. He grew up and went to dental school in the Kansas City area. He relocated to the Portland area in June 1992 for a one-year residency, which resulted in his eventual permanent move to Oregon.

1990 – Tribal Chairman Mark Mercier presented Betty Commerford, Grand Ronde postmaster, a Pendleton blanket on behalf of the Tribe as she prepared to retire.

1985 – A total of 208 ballots were counted in the Tribal Council election for all nine seats. Those elected were Kathryn Harrison, Henry Petite, Darrell Mercier, Eula Petite, Merle Leno, Mark Mercier, Candy Robertson and Cheryle A. Kennedy. There was a tie for the last seat between Russell Leno and Frank Harrison, and Leno won a tie-breaker.

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

Century celebration



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Elder Opal Davidson looks at her 100th birthday congratulatory letter from President Barack Obama as her caretaker Carmen Parren reads it to her during her birthday party at the Elders Activity Center on Sunday, April 19, the day she turned 100. She eagerly awaited the arrival of the letter.

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Tribal Elder Opal Davidson looks at a charm bracelet that was a birthday present from her children and grandchildren for her 100th birthday. The bracelet was given to her during her birthday party at the Elders Activity Center on Sunday, April 19. Helping her with the bracelet is her daughter-in-law Eyvette Davidson, left, and her daughter Terri Wood, right.

Logo designs wanted

Organizers of this year's Veterans Summit to be held July 9-10 at Uyxat Powwow Grounds, 9390 Highway 22, are seeking logo design submissions.

Deadline for submission is Friday, May 15. Submissions should be sent to Tribal Social Services Director Dave Fullerton at dave.fullerton@grandronde.org. For more information, contact Fullerton at 503-879-2036.

This year's Veterans Summit, the third consecutive one to be held in Grand Ronde, has a theme of "Honoring Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans." Prizes for the creator of the selected logo are \$50 and a Pendleton blanket. ■

Housing installs stop signs, changes speed limit

The Grand Ronde Housing Department has installed two new stop signs near the welcome center, as well as changed the speed limit in Tribal housing from 35 mph to 25 mph.

For more information, contact Homeownership Coordinator Vicki Jones at 503-879-1465. ■

CHACHALU
TRIBAL MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER

CHINUK FAMILY NIGHT

MAY 7, 2015
5:15 - 7:00 PM
CHACHALU

Students from the Chinuk Wawa class at Willamina High School have written and illustrated *chinuk wawa* books which will be presented.

Dinner will be provided.

Please RSVP to Land & Culture Department at 503-879-2226.



Cover art of *p'up'up (owl)* written by Logan DiBetta. This book was voted by the students as "Best Art".

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