



2010 – Grand Ronde became more of a full-service, as well as safer, community with the grand opening of the Tribally funded Grand Ronde Fire Station at the corner of McPherson and Grand Ronde roads. The new fire station will be operated and managed by the West Valley Fire District and reduce response times by at least 10 minutes for emergency medical and fire calls.



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2005 – Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison provided the invocation for a ceremony unveiling the new Oregon quarter in front of the Oregon Historical Society in Portland. Early designs of the quarter included salmon, the Columbia River and teepees that recognized the role that Natives played in the state's history, but the final design featured the state's signature landmark, Crater Lake.

2000 – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde signed an agreement with the American Museum of Natural History in New York City that will ensure Tribal access to Tomanowos (The Willamette Meteorite) in the future. "For the first time, the story of the meteorite's role in our culture will be shared with the millions of people who view it," Tribal Council Vice Chair Ed Larsen said.

1995 – The first meeting of the Grand Ronde Gaming Commission was held. Judge Robert Goodwin swore in Gene Davidson, Leonette Galligher, Lynn Hillman and Robert Watson as commission members and the commission elected Watson as chairman.

1990 – Nine Tribal members were running for Tribal Council. They were Larry Brandon, Wilmadene Butler, Ed Larsen, Eugene LaBonte, Merle Leno, Russ Leno, Mark Mercier, Margaret Provost and Candy Robertson.

1985 – Kathryn Harrison and Valarene Grout created a seafood basket that was presented to Gov. Vic Atiyeh. He expressed his gratitude for the basket of canned fish, cheese, jelly and salt water taffy. "The basket was a thoughtful and considerate offering to Governor Victor Atiyeh," wrote Chairman Henry Petite.

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

Accomplished program



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Tribal Early Education Program Manager Vikki Bishop holds a Certificate of Accomplishment that the Tribe's Head Start Program received during the 25th annual National Indian Head Start Directors Association Conference held in Sacramento, Calif., Tuesday, June 16, through Thursday, June 18. Bishop attended the conference with Tribal Council members Jon A. George and Denise Harvey. The Head Start Program was honored for the program's triennial review that resulted in full compliance and above national average CLASS scores. CLASS is an observational tool used by the reviewer to assess teacher and child interactions.

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. ■

Vendors to visit casino

There will be Tribal vendors at Spirit Mountain Casino during the Veterans Summit, Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow and Elder Honor Day, which occur from Wednesday, July 8, through Monday, July 13.

There are 30 tables available at two tables per vendor maximum.

For more information, contact Tribal Elder Gladys Hobbs at 971-241-8486 if interested.

This is open to all vendors on a first-come, first-served basis. ■

Looking for scholarships?

There are numerous scholarship opportunities offered for students to apply to each year. The majority of scholarships for fall term/semester are due between January and April of each year.

The Tribal Higher Education programs are here to assist you in your application process. If you use a scholarship search site, be sure to read the privacy policy to ensure you are using a site that will not sell your contact information. A recommended search site to use is www.kaarme.com. ■

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