



2010 – The Health & Wellness Clinic scheduled an open house to show off its \$2.25 million renovation. The clinic was larger by 4,000 square feet, which added six more work stations in the Dental Clinic. In addition, a new metal roof was installed and the Pharmacy moved and doubled in space.

2005 – The Tribe celebrated its 22nd year of Restoration in the bingo hall at Spirit Mountain Casino. The event included Tribal member CeCe Kneeland performing an honor song and her daughter, Nakooosa, performing a traditional dance.



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2000 – Retired Congresswoman Elizabeth Furse was the featured speaker at the Tribe's 17th Restoration celebration held at Grand Ronde Elementary School.

1995 – The Tribe was preparing to establish a Housing Authority, which would be similar to a nonprofit corporation and require a Board of Commissioners to oversee all housing management and operations for the Tribe.

1990 – The Tribe celebrated its seventh anniversary of Restoration at Grand Ronde Elementary School with a traditional holiday feast of salmon, ham salad, mashed potatoes and gravy. "This is a very important day for our people," said Tribal Council member Kathryn Harrison. "I just hope that they appreciate everything that went into the Restoration effort so that all of this could happen."

1985 – Tribal members Chris Leno, Mike Colton and Steve Bobb Jr. received letters for playing on the Willamina High School football team while Melanie Smith received a letter for playing on the junior varsity volleyball team.

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

Tribal Council OKs new bank account, distribution date

By Dean Rhodes

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In preparation for December distribution of casino and timber revenue monies to the membership, Tribal Council approved several measures at its Wednesday, Nov. 18, meeting.

Tribal Council approved creation of a new bank account with Wells Fargo that will be used for internal distribution of timber revenue monies to Tribal members in December.

In addition, Tribal Council established Dec. 11 as the per capita and timber revenue distribution date.

During the Nov. 17 Legislative Action Committee meeting, Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno said that the amount of the distributions probably will not be known until early December.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved an intergovernmental agreement with Tillamook County regarding the sale and transfer of surplus forest land from the county to the Tribe;
- Approved a funding agreement with the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs

for 2016;

- Appointed Tribal Council Vice Chair Jack Giffen Jr. to the Willamette Falls Navigation Canal & Locks Task Force. Senate Bill 131, passed by the Legislature, mandates that a Grand Ronde Tribal representative serve on the Task Force;
- And approved the enrollment of three infants into the Tribe because they meet the requirements established in the Enrollment Ordinance and Tribal Constitution.

Also included in the Nov. 18 Tribal Council packet was an authorization to proceed permitting Leno to sign a comment letter to the Environmental Protection Agency about its consultation process regarding Tribal treaty rights.

Culture Department employees Bobby Mercier, Brian Krehbiel and Jordan Mercier performed the cultural drumming and singing to open the meeting.

The meeting, in its entirety, can be viewed on the Tribal website, www.grandronde.org, by clicking on the News tab and then Video. ■

Natural Resources issuing wood permits

The Natural Resources Department started issuing wood permits on Oct. 16.

Wood gathered with Natural Resources-issued permits is for personal use only and not for sale.

There is still road work being performed on the Reservation and it is also hunting season, so there will be traffic.

Have the following information when obtaining a permit: Tribal ID, current address, phone number, vehicle information and driver's license.

For more information, contact Natural Resources Secretary Toni Mercier at 503-879-2424. ■

LIHEAP program available to Tribal members

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which helps pay heating bills, is now available for eligible Tribal members in the six-county service area and Clackamas County.

LIHEAP is a first-come, first-served program and income criteria applies.

For more information, contact Social Services Department Administrative Assistant Tammy Garrison at 503-879-2077 or tammy.garrison@grandronde.org. ■

LACROSSE CLINIC

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
@CTGR gymnasium
AGES 7-15 event

For more information please contact:
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Tribal Council Christmas Party

Dec. 6, 2015
@ the Tribal Gym

- Following the General Council Meeting
- Visits with Santa from 11 a.m.-noon
- Meal at 1 p.m.
- Lord's Prayer
- Meals Served
- Door Prizes during Meal
- Children Singing, After children sing go to concession stand to receive Tribal Council gift
- Return to Gym to receive candy from Elders

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