



**2011** – Tribal Forest Patrol Officer Jake McKnight was preparing to take state public safety training to become the Tribe's first police officer. It was one of the first steps toward creating a Tribal law enforcement program.

**2006** – Tribal member Frank Grammer, a demolition specialist with the National Guard, was featured. He served as a 50-caliber gunner for a few months and as a driver for most of his time spent in Iraq.

**2001** – Michael Moore, the new chief executive officer at Spirit Mountain Casino, was introduced to the general membership.

**1996** – Bruce Thomas, president of Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc., reported that after two and half months of operation that Spirit Mountain Casino was doing well. He said the largest percentage of clients come from the Portland and Salem areas and that about 25 percent of customers are people on their way to the Oregon coast.

**1991** – Tribal Education Program Director Dean Azule reported that the Higher Education Program was up to an all-time high of 28 students after the just concluded fall term only had 18 students enrolled.

**1986** – Tribal Chairman Mark Mercier reported that the final draft of the Grand Ronde Reservation Plan was finished and that he and Tribal Council members Kathryn Harrison and Merle Leno would be presenting the final draft to public and private agencies.

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



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## NOTICE TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS ON THE SSI/SSD SUPPLEMENTAL INCOME PROGRAM

Attention Tribal members on SSI or SSD programs:

It's getting to be that time of year again. Time to remember to send us a copy of your current 2016 benefit statement from the Social Security Administration so that we can update your file. **This is a requirement for members between the age of 18-54 who are wanting to re-qualify for this supplemental program.** If you do not receive your current benefit statement you may order one by calling the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 or go online at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov). Your current benefit statement **must** reach our office by Jan. 31, 2016, to avoid any future delays in your benefits.

For Elders age 55 and up, **it is a requirement that we have an updated Social Security Administration letter of eligibility once every two years.** We will need a copy of that document (SSA award letter) to update your file.

Please mail copies of your benefit statement and the application to:

CTGR Member Services  
Attn: Jolanda Catabay  
9615 Grand Ronde Road  
Grand Ronde, OR 97347  
Fax: 1-503-879-2480  
E-mail: [jolanda.catabay@grandronde.org](mailto:jolanda.catabay@grandronde.org)

**Note: It is the responsibility of the Tribal member to notify the Tribe of any changes in your benefits from the Social Security Administration SSI/SSD program. Failure to notify the Tribe may result in an obligation to repay ineligible benefits received, interrupt or delay your Tribal Supplemental Security Income and Disability payments.**

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions or concerns. My contact numbers are 503-879-2253 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2253.

Respectfully,

**Jolanda Catabay**

Enrollment Member Services Specialist  
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

## Bike helmets available

The Tribe's Social Services Department has bicycle helmets available for distribution. Those needing a helmet need to visit the department and sign a helmet application, as well as get fitted.

For more information, contact Social Services at 503-879-2034. ■

## Board seeking younger veterans

The Tribal Veterans Special Event Board is attempting to recruit younger veterans – Iraqi and Afghanistan veterans – to join.

“Our committee is getting older,” said Veterans SEB Chairman Steve Bobb Sr., who is a Vietnam War-era Marine Corps veteran.

Members of the Special Event Board attend events as flag carriers and represent the Tribe, as well as their branch of service.

Veterans interested in volunteering should contact Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Martin at 503-879-2304 or [stacia.martin@grandronde.org](mailto:stacia.martin@grandronde.org). ■

## Construction Workers Needed!

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is seeking construction workers who are CTGR Tribal members and enrolled members of federally recognized Indian Tribes to participate in a workforce that is being prepared for deployment on construction projects. Projects are located on the Grand Ronde Reservation and on ODOT projects in various locations in northwestern Oregon.

TERO is looking for workers in the following job classifications:

**Carpenter  
Laborer  
Equipment Operator  
Cement Mason  
Truck Drivers  
Loggers  
Painters  
Asphalt workers  
Flagger**



For an application to be considered for these opportunities or for information, go to [www.grandronde.org/departments/tero](http://www.grandronde.org/departments/tero) email at [tero@grandronde.org](mailto:tero@grandronde.org) or call Keri Kimsey at 503-879-2188.

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## Adult Foster Program “A Place To Call Home”



The Tribe's Adult Foster Care lodges are committed to offering quality care to our Elders and helping them remain as independent as possible, while providing the personalized assistance they need. At our lodges, a wide range of services is available in a comfortable setting where privacy is respected and maximum independence is supported. For information, contact Adult Foster Program Director Kari Culp at 503-879-1694. ■