



2011 – Spirit Mountain Casino took over as the official sponsor of the iconic Portland Rose Festival’s Grand Floral Parade after Key-Bank ended its sponsorship of the event. The casino signed on for three years as the sponsor.

2006 – The 72-unit low income/ market rate housing project was nearing completion. Construction started in June 2005. Fifty-four of the units will be for low-income renters and 18 will accommodate families at market rates.



File photo

2001 – The Tribe donated \$100,000 to Lane Community College’s longhouse project through the Tribe’s philanthropic arm, Spirit Mountain Community Fund.

1996 – Tribal Council adopted a Liquor Ordinance that defined the use of alcohol and the regulations regarding the sale and consumption of alcohol on Reservation lands in response to the building of a steakhouse restaurant that will serve alcoholic beverages.

1991 – Tribal offices were relocated from the Old Manor building to the new modular offices on Grand Ronde Road. General Manager Jim Willis said a three-month delay in moving into the new offices was caused by inclement weather and water and electrical hook-up problems. “The old facility wasn’t equipped to handle our current rate of growth,” Willis said.

1986 – Tribal Council member Cheryle A. Kennedy resigned to devote more time to the Tribe’s Health Program. “She has served the Tribe well on council, but it is difficult to be staff and council at the same time,” said Tribal Chairman Mark Mercier. Frank Harrison succeeded Kennedy in the Tribal Council position.

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

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. ■

CTGR Tribal Members - Fill An Immediate Need for:



Certified Nursing Assistant At AFC & Wellness Clinic

Chemeketa Community College is offering an 8 week Basic Nurse Assistant (CNA1) at Yamhill Valley Campus starting in February 2016.

No cost for Tribal Members

Registration begins soon, limited enrollment.
For Information Call Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) at (503) 879-2188 or (503) 879-2127

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Grand Ronde Preschool is expanding

The Grand Ronde Preschool is expanding and seeking Tribal families with children aged 3 or 4 before Sept. 1, 2015. Call 503-879-2161 to request an application or contact Early Childhood Education Manager Angie Blackwell at 503-879-2287 for more information. If you have an application on file, you do not need to re-apply. The classroom is scheduled to open in mid to late February, although the exact date is not yet known. ■

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**
- Flaggers**



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

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Family Tutoring Nights

“Come help grow your child’s education”

Thursday evenings — 5:15 to 7 pm

Feb. 11, 18, 25, March 3 and 10

Youth Education K-12 Building

Activities include:

- Healthy Family Dinner
- YED Computer Lab access
- Tutorial assistance
- Homework support
- Literacy skill building
- Lots of PRIZES

Free transportation is available for Native American youth and their parents that live in the Sheridan, Willamina, and Grand Ronde area.

Contact Andrea at 503-879-2162 by 4 p.m. if your family would like transportation.

For more information, contact Youth Education at 503-879-2101.

