



**2011** – A naming ceremony was held for achaf-hammi – the new Tribal plankhouse. The Tualatin-Kalapuya word means “a house built of cedar planks,” which translates to simply “plankhouse.”



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**2006** – The statue of Martha Jane Sands was moved from the main Spirit Mountain Casino entrance to the Legends’ lobby. The statue was moved due to the high number of customers that congest the front lobby each day.

**2001** – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde’s Veterans’ Memorial Ad Hoc Committee scheduled a first annual dinner and auction at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Willamina for late March. Dinner tickets were \$7.50 and made attendees eligible for door prizes, including a PlayStation 2. The committee had raised more than \$40,000 of its \$300,000 goal.

**1996** – The Tribe and Spirit Mountain Casino donated the first collection of financial offerings left at the statue of Martha Jane Sands to three local Head Start programs. Offerings to Martha Jane, which have included bouquets of flowers and cash donations, began appearing at the base of the bronze statue shortly after the casino opened in October 1995.

**1991** – Items collected by Andrew Kershaw, who served for 20 years as agent and surgeon at the Grand Ronde Reservation, were displayed for the first time at the Oregon Historical Center in Portland. Items included basketry, beadwork and artifacts from other Tribes that were collected by Kershaw when he served on other Reservations.

**1986** – *Smoke Signals* started using the new Tribal logo in its masthead. “We felt the Tribe has a new logo now, and it should be identified with the newsletter,” the editor wrote. Other changes included improved letterhead and cover stock, as well as an improved graphically clean design.

*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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## 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](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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## Family Tutoring Nights

“Come help grow your child’s education”

Thursday evenings — 5:15 to 7 p.m.

Feb. 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.

