



2011 – A group of Cultural Resources Department employees were working on the first river canoe that the Grand Ronde people have built certainly since Restoration and likely since the early 1900s. “I haven’t found any proof of a canoe like this being made from Grand Ronde Natives since we were marched here in the 1800s,” said Cultural Education Specialist Brian Krehbiel.



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2006 – During a book signing for Kristine Olson’s “Standing Tall: The Lifeway of Kathryn Jones Harrison,” Molalla Mayor Mike Clarke visited the Molalla Area Historical Society to make the Tribal Elder and former Tribal chairwoman an honorary citizen. “Welcome to my homeland,” Harrison told Clarke.

2001 – The Tribe’s new communication tower was completed. The 200-foot tall tower will enhance communications for emergency services in the Grand Ronde, Willamina and Sheridan areas. The tower is located directly north of Spirit Mountain Casino and Highway 18.

1996 – Tribal Council announced its intention to adopt a Tribal Housing Ordinance that would establish the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority, which will develop and implement Tribal housing programs that help needy Tribal members obtain decent housing.

1991 – Tribal Elders Ila Dowd and Nora Kimsey were among a group who attended the grand opening of the Polk County Museum in Dallas and showed off a set of baskets that were made almost 100 years earlier.

1986 – Ed Larsen at the Spirit Mountain Store at Agency started selling jackets, hats and T-shirts with the Tribal logo on them. The store was located at Highway 22 and Agency Creek Road. “The council wishes to thank Ed for his cooperation in selling them,” reported *Smoke Signals*.

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
- Riggers



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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“Come help grow your child’s education”

Thursday evenings — 5:15 to 7 p.m.

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.

