



2011 – Spirit Mountain Casino became an impromptu emergency shelter for more than 300 coastal residents who fled Lincoln City and other low-lying areas after a tsunami warning was issued for most of the western United States' coastline. "Many people came with their families, seeking shelter, food and comfort," said casino Director of Security Joann Mercier.

2006 – Tribal member Meghan Zimbrick led the Willamina High School girls' basketball team to a second-place finish during the state championship game, losing to Myrtle Point 59-55. Willamina finished the 2005-06 season 30-1.

2001 – Former Oregon Gov. and U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield attending the March General Council meeting. "1954 is one of those years in history that we would like to forget about, but we can't," he said about the year the Western Oregon Indian Termination Act was passed. "We must remember."

1996 – A new sweat lodge, located behind the Chemical Dependency office building, opened in Grand Ronde. "The sweat lodge is quite possibly the largest in the Pacific Northwest," said Michael Reibach, lodge caretaker and sweat leader. "Our people traditionally sweat in cedar, and this sweat lodge will be here for many generations to come."

1991 – Tribal member Shonn Leno defeated Dayton's Ryan Henry to win the 106-pound state wrestling championship for Willamina High School. Leno, a sophomore, used a reversal with just three seconds left in the match to defeat Henry.

1986 – Eula Petite was teaching Chinook Jargon classes at Grand Ronde Elementary School from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.



File photo

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

Gubernatorial gallery



Photo courtesy of Reina Nelson

Colby Drake, Tribal Silviculture/Fire Protection supervisor, left, and Jeremy Ojua, right, Tribal Silviculture/Fire Protection technician, pose with Oregon Gov. Kate Brown during her impromptu visit to Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center in Grand Ronde to view the photography exhibit "Ili'i, a photographic essay on the beauty that surrounds us" on Monday, Feb. 29. Drake and Ojua's photographs are featured in the exhibit and Brown saw an article on the exhibit in *Smoke Signals* and decided to drive out to Grand Ronde and see it during one of her few days off.

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. ■



Interested in a Career as a Security Officer?

A current Oregon Driver's is required and a desire to work in law enforcement. If this is you, we have the Certification Training opportunity for you!!!

Spirit Mountain Casino & CTGR Security Department are in immediate need of Security Officers.

TERO, Human Resources, and CTGR Security are partnering to bring Security Officer Unarmed DPSST Certification Training on-site:

- 14 Hour Security Officer Unarmed DPSST Certification Training
- Cost: Free for CTGR Tribal Members and \$106.75 for Community members, Employees and Others
- DPSST Application & Payment are required at the beginning of day one's training. Money Orders may be made out to "DPSST Certification".
- Register ASAP, as class is limited to 15 participants

**Thursday, March 24 & Friday, March 25, 2016
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
ESC Building: Training Room "A"
(lunch will be provided)**

Pre-qualifying criteria: Must have valid Oregon Driver's License and the ability to pass a criminal background check
Eligibility for available positions at SMC is contingent on obtaining a High Security Gaming License issued by the Grand Ronde Gaming Commission

Please contact the Tribal Employment Rights Office at 503-879-2188 or Human Resources at 503-879-2479 for additional information or to register.

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.