



2011 – Camas, lamprey, salmon, deer and elk were among some of the food items to be discussed during Tribal Government Day to be held at the State Capitol in Salem on May 13.

2006 – Willamette University repatriated a 2.2-pound piece of Tomanowos, the Willamette Meteorite, to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. The piece was found in a supply closet in the school's Olin Science Building. "The piece is home," said Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy.



File photo

2001 – Representatives from the American Museum of Natural History in New York City visited Tribal Council and members of the Tribe's Education Committee to discuss the Tribe's planned visit to Tomanowos, the Willamette meteorite. The Tribe signed an agreement with the museum in June 2000 that gave Tribal members private access to the sacred meteorite.

1996 – General Council was briefed on the progress of the new health clinic. Frank Whalen, health facility architect, said construction documents and legal review should be complete by June and groundbreaking should occur in August. "We are still within the budget of around \$3.5 million," he said.

1991 – Grand Ronde Tribal Health Director Cheryle A. Kennedy received the 1991 Minority Health Conference's Outstanding Individual Award. She was nominated for the honor by the Tribe's Health Committee. She has been director of the Tribe's Health Program since October 1984.

1986 – Tribal Council and Tribal staff received two W2 forms for income earned in 1985. One was for income earned while working for the corporation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and the other was for when the Internal Revenue Service issued a new identification number for Tribal Council, which is a sovereign government recognized by the federal government. "All that occurred was technical house cleaning which had been overlooked," the general manager reported.

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

Special Notice

Notice to parents, guardians or custodians of minor and incompetent members of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon and Tribal members 18 to 20 years of age – Regarding the Rabbi Trust Fund and Minors' Custodial Trust Fund investments.

- This is to inform you of the upcoming annual election opportunity to recommend an investment option that best suits your tolerance for investment risk for your child's accounts in the Rabbi Trust and Minors' Custodial Trust. The election deadline is May 24, 2016, and the investment period will be effective from June 1, 2016, to May 31, 2017. The Investment Risk Recommendation Form packet is available at the regular Tribal Council meetings on May 4 and May 18, on the Tribe's website and through the Member Benefits Department at 800-422-0232.
- If you have investment questions, you may speak to the Tribe's Investment Consulting Team by contacting the office of Joseph S. Hoon, Robert W. Baird & Co., at 877-792-3667 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. ■

Casino hires new director of gaming

Spirit Mountain Casino has hired Lon O'Donnell as the new director of gaming. O'Donnell brings 24 years of gaming experience to Spirit Mountain, having spent 15 years managing slot departments for MGM, including the Edgewater in Laughlin, Nev., Circus Circus in Reno, Nev., and Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas.



Lon O'Donnell

He also spent several years working as a casino consultant. He managed the Enterprise Solutions department for IGT from 2011-14, where he focused on consulting about analytics, marketing and operations for Tribal casinos nationwide. He also owned and operated a consulting firm called CasinoAnalytica. O'Donnell said he strives to better understand games and gaming, wanting to learn more about what makes Pacific Northwest residents play certain games and what they love about those games. He said he hopes to use that knowledge to build the very best mix of games for Spirit Mountain. He said he is excited to join the casino staff during a pivotal time with the possibility of a Cowlitz casino opening next year and the current remodeling project occurring. "I look forward to watching the casino morph into something new," he said. O'Donnell added that he has always dreamed of living in the Pacific Northwest. He said he enjoys taking his wife and two daughters camping and fishing. "I have the perfect job in the perfect place," he said. ■

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.

VETERANS SUMMIT Gathering of Warriors IV



July 8 - 9, 2016



LOGO CONTEST

This year's Veterans Summit, the fourth consecutive one to be held in Grand Ronde, has a theme of "Connecting Veterans with Services." The organizers of this year's summit are seeking logo designs that embody this theme. The winner of the contest will receive \$50 and a Pendleton blanket. Deadline for submission is Friday, May 20, 2016. Submissions should be e-mailed to Rhonda Leno at rhonda.leno@grandronde.org.



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