



2011 – The Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill Board of Directors voted to repatriate a Kalapuya shovel-nose river canoe, arguably one of the oldest Native canoes ever found in Oregon, back to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.



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2006 – Tribal community meetings were underway, with sessions slated for Canyonville, Eugene, Grand Ronde, Portland and Federal Way, Wash. The five meetings provided the widest access ever to members who live in Oregon and Washington.

2001 – Sixteen Tribal members were nominated to run for Tribal Council, but Kathryn Harrison declined her nomination. She announced that she would not be seeking re-election and Tribal Council Secretary Reyn Leno pinned an honor corsage on Harrison while the audience members gave her a standing ovation.

1996 – Natural Resources Division Manager Cliff Adams reported there are three new employees in his department: Fish and Wildlife Coordinator Kelly Dirksen, Environmental Specialist Kathleen Feehan and Forester Peter Wakeland.

1991 – Tillamook County Commissioners accepted a check from Tribal Council Chairman Mark Mercier for \$90,000 to settle forever any revenue losses the county may have suffered from the creation of the Reservation.

1986 – Tribal Chairman Mark Mercier said the Tribe is still negotiating with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding its Reservation Plan.

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

Elders seeking help making jam

Tribal Elders are seeking small jelly jars, donations of sugar and volunteers to help make jam for Elder Honor Day in July. Drop off donations at the Elders Activity Center, 48940 Blacktail Drive. For more information, call 503-879-2233. ■

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 meeting on May 18, on the Tribe’s website and through the Member Benefits Department at 1-800-422-0232.
- 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. ■

Nutrition Program plans Fun Walk

The Tribal Nutrition Program will hold its first annual Fun Walk and Field Day starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 4. There will be a 1-mile walk, 5K walk and family fun activities in the field across from the Governance Center in Grand Ronde. Walks will start at 10 a.m. and field activities at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. “Please join us for a family fun day of good nutrition and outside activities,” said Nutrition Program Manager Kristy DeLoe. For more information, contact DeLoe at 503-879-2018 or Kristy.deloe@grandronde.org. ■

WALK-IN DENTAL APPOINTMENTS FOR KIDS <6

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY FOR DENTAL CHECK-UPS FOR KIDS 5 AND UNDER WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE SEEN AT THE TRIBAL CLINIC. JUST COME ON IN!

We will check your child’s teeth during any of our clinic hours without an appointment. Dental check-ups are recommended beginning with the first tooth!

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Dental Clinic
 Phone 503-879-2020
 Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 8:00–5:00; Thur 9:30-5:30

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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