



2011 – The Bureau of Land Management, Nature Conservancy and Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde were scheduled to sign a memorandum of understanding on Sept. 10, agreeing to cooperate in an emerging management plan for Table Rock. Sept. 10 also was the 158th anniversary of the Tribe’s Table Rock Treaty.

2006 – The Culture Department introduced a new virtual gallery, Ntsayka Ikanum: Our Story, on the Tribal website, www.grandronde.org. “Nothing will ever be taken down,” said Cultural Collections Coordinator Lindy Trolan about the website.



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2001 – A new family housing development that would include 36 units on a 20-acre site was in the works by the Tribal Housing Authority. Completion date for the housing development was set for early in 2003.

1996 – Ground was broken for the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center. Human Services Division Manager Cheryl A. Kennedy was honored by breaking the ground using a backhoe. “Today, we take one step forward in fulfilling the dream of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde,” she said.

1991 – Approximately 5,000 people attended the seventh annual Contest Powwow. Deana Gardner was crowned 1991-92 Miss Grand Ronde and Courtney Galligher was named 1991-92 Junior Miss Grand Ronde. Other activities included a parade, fun run/walk, Native dancers from New Zealand and a Tribal meal of salmon, elk and fry bread.

1986 – The Tribe enlisted the services of Ken Smith, former assistant secretary of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to help it negotiate fairly with local timber companies. “Ken will be very valuable helping the Tribe negotiate with the timber companies, who are voicing their concerns about timber supply and export,” reported Tribal Council Chairman Mark Mercier.

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

‘AM Northwest’ visit



Photos by Dean Rhodes

Above, Spirit Mountain Casino Marketing Director Shawna Ridgebear, right, talks with “AM Northwest” host Helen Raptis during a broadcast of the KATU morning talk show filmed at the casino on Monday, Aug. 15, in The Peak gaming area. Part of the show was devoted to promoting the Grand Ronde Contest Powwow and many powwow dancers attended to display their skills, including now Senior Miss Grand Ronde Iyana Holmes, left, and other Royalty members.



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FAMILY-FRIENDLY!

A celebration of local food, farmers, hunting & gathering!

Saturday September 24 10AM-2PM

Tribal Gym (THERE WILL BE SIGNS)

There will be activities for the whole family. Join us for cooking demonstrations, educational workshops, informational booths, and a free community meal.

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FREE COOK BOOKS & LUNCH!

Questions? Contact Francene Ambrose @ 503-879-3663

Organized by Grand Ronde’s Food Access and Community Team, sponsored by Marion-Polk Food Share & the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

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.