



2011 – A first-ever Tribal Government Day between the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and city of Portland occurred. The three-hour event held in Portland was a concerted effort to build more awareness throughout city staff about the Grand Ronde Tribe and its historical connection to the metropolitan area.



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2006 – Grand Ronde veterans became eligible for disability compensation from the Tribe. The new benefit was designed to help those covered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, but it will not double up with other Tribal benefits.

2001 – Like the rest of the country, the Grand Ronde Tribe was reacting to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York City and trying to help. Spirit Mountain Development Corp. was gathering Sabre-Tool units to send to the East Coast to help in rescue efforts at Ground Zero and the Pentagon. The devices could either be used to lift collapsed debris or cut through twisted or compressed metal.

1996 – Repairs to Agency Creek Road, which sustained substantial damage during the Great Flood of 1996, were completed. The Tribe received a grant from the Federal Highway Administration to fix the section of roadway that was washed out.

1991 – The first dentist to work for the Tribal Health Department in Grand Ronde started on Oct. 1. Tammy McClung was scheduled to work 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

1986 – Tribal Council members, personnel from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and newly hired consultant Ken Smith took a tour of the proposed land base the Grand Ronde Tribe hoped it would acquire for a new Reservation.

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

MARRIAGES IN TRIBAL COURT

The Tribal Court is now issuing marriage licenses and is able to perform marriage ceremonies for a filing fee of \$40. For questions regarding scheduling, please contact the Tribal Court at 503-879-2303 or e-mail devin.larsen@grandronde.org. ■

Ceremonial Hunting update

I would like to start off saying that I feel we had a successful year with a harvest of four elk and four deer. Our hunters who harvested game were Steve Brooks, Brenon Bobb, Andrew Freeman and Bobby Mercier. If you see them out and about, give them a big “thank you.” We have 850 pounds of meat on hand. So please, if you have a cultural event and need meat, come and request some.

We still have one vacancy on our board if anyone is interested. We meet quarterly so it doesn’t take too much time. Thank you and I look forward to another successful season next year.

Marline Groshong, chairperson

Need something notarized?

Tribal Court staff is available at no charge for notaries 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with the exception of noon to 1 p.m. Please be sure to bring a photo ID with you. If you have any questions, contact the court at 503-879-2303. ■

Tribal Council approves grant to help maintain forestland

TRIBAL COUNCIL
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to a Tribal Council officer position.

Leno remains Tribal Council chair, starting his fifth year in the position.

Several audience members and fellow Tribal Council members thanked Giffen for his years of service as a Tribal Council officer. He has been vice chair since September 2012 and served as secretary before then.

Kennedy thanked other Tribal Council members who had expressed an interest in serving as an officer for stepping aside so that Tribal Council could unanimously approve the new lineup.

The Sept. 14 meeting also was the first for new Tribal Council member Kathleen George, who was the top vote-getter during the Sept. 10 election.

In other action, Tribal Council approved a U.S. Department of Ag-

riculture Natural Resources Conservation Service five-year grant that will pay the Tribe \$31,605 a year to help maintain forest stewardship and enhance forest resources.

Also included in the Sept. 14 Tribal Council packet were staff directives that will allocate revenues from annual hay licenses from 2016 through 2019 to the Chachalu Museum Contributions budget line, as well as an authorization to proceed that requested the Tribe’s Enrollment Board act “expeditiously” on enrollment cases recently remanded to the board by the Tribal Court and as directed by the Tribal Court of Appeals.

Tribal Cultural Resources employees David Harrelson and Jordan Mercier performed the cultural drumming and singing to open the meeting.

The meeting, in its entirety, can be viewed on the Tribal website, www.grandronde.org, by clicking on the News tab and then Video. ■

Hunting & Fishing

Lifeways of the Grand Ronde People



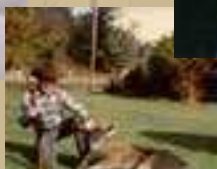
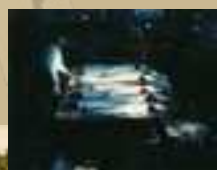
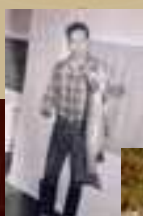
Who: All Grand Ronde Tribal members.

What: We would like to record your family’s hunting and fishing stories for inclusion in the Tribe’s cultural and historical collections.

Where: Chachalu: Tribal Museum and Cultural Center

When: Starting September 1st, 2015

How: Contact Stacey Runningbird @ 503-879-2381



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
Flaggers



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.