



**2011** – Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy and Tribal Council Secretary Jack Giffen Jr. attended the third annual White House Tribal Nations Conference held in Washington, D.C. They met Assistant Secretary of the Interior-Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk and heard President Barack Obama address the gathering of Tribal representatives.



File photo

**2006** – Tribal member Steve Bobb Sr. and his son, Steve Bobb Jr., installed signs they made for the Adult Foster Care lodges. They made three signs signifying the name of the lodge and the animal it was named after.

**2001** – Richard Sass paid the Tribe back \$2.6 million that was a loan that he took out two years previously to invest in a startup company he was managing. Portland-based Micro Helix developed customized electronic interconnect systems that permit the transmission of electronic signals between two devices.

**1996** – Public Works Manager John Mercier reported on current capital projects, including phase one of the manufactured housing park, design and construction of the Health and Wellness Center, construction of a new Natural Resources office complex and preliminary designs of a new administration building. Mercier said that a majority of the projects will be completed in 1997.

**1991** – Cathy Cline took over as the newsletter director for the Tribe. “I feel that *Smoke Signals* is a unique newsletter and I am looking forward to meeting more of the people it represents,” she wrote.

**1986** – Tribal Enrollment Clerk Margo George reported that Tribal membership had increased to 1,983 members.

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

# First snow



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

**Tribal Groundskeeper Youvani Ring shovels snow off the sidewalk in front of the Governance Center as fellow Tribal Groundskeeper Joe Kelley throws down salt on Monday, Dec. 5. Snow hit Grand Ronde causing the Tribal offices to close early on Monday, a delayed opening on Tuesday, Dec. 6, closed offices on Thursday, Dec. 8, and another delayed opening on Friday, Dec. 9.**



Snow falls at achaf-hammi, the Tribal plankhouse, on Monday, Dec. 5.

## ATTENTION CTGR TELEPHONE SERVICE

If you have an emergency and need to dial “911” you must first dial a “9” (9911). The only calls that do not require that you dial a 9+ are those made from the CTGR extensions within the CTGR campus and/or those who use CTGR Tel for their home phone service. ■

### 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**





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