



2012 – Tribal Council voted to send a proposed constitutional amendment to voters that would create a primary during the Tribal election process if more than 10 candidates were nominated in any given year.

2007 – Tribal General Manager Chris Leno was honored with a Pendleton blanket for his years of service as the chair of the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority Board.



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2002 – The Tribal Cemetery started closing at dusk to safeguard recent improvements. “For those who wish to pay their respects, or visit loved ones, the gates will be open, as usual, every day during daylight hours,” *Smoke Signals* reported.

1997 – By signing a new compact with the state of Oregon, the Tribe agreed to contribute 6 percent of casino revenues to be used for community projects and programs in 11 northwest Oregon counties. The new philanthropic entity will be called Spirit Mountain Community Fund.

1992 – The General Committee Ordinance was changed and it created vacancies on several committees. The new rules allow only one family member per committee, one staff person per committee and only one Tribal Council member per committee. “A broader representation of the community will bring community input into the Tribal government process,” said General Manager Jim Willis.

1987 – Tribal members were needed to serve on the Archaeology, Education, Health, and Hunting and Fishing committees. The committees assisted Tribal Council in creating policies and activities for Tribal programs.

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. ■

Groups form Helping Hands, set Feb. 13 meeting

iskam məkʰmək haws, The Clothes Closet, Empowerment Outreach Ministries, Lighthouse Church and A Cause For Paws have joined forces in an effort to support local families.

The small group, named Grand Ronde Helping Hands, seeks to bring together those who are supporting families in Grand Ronde to share services and resources, and create a resource guide.

Helping Hands’ next meeting will be 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at The Clothes Closet at the end of Blacktail Drive near the Elders Activity Center. If you provide any type of services to families in the community, consider attending. The group is looking for meal site calendars, food box sites, clothes closets, showers and laundry services.

There also will be a collection day at iskam məkʰmək haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. Donations of men’s clothing, small kitchen appliances, school supplies and pet items are being sought, as well as tents, sleeping bags, pillows, warm blankets, rain gear and heavy jackets to restock the shelves. Helping Hands continues to seek a volunteer with graphic arts skills to create a logo that represents all of the organizations. The logo would be used on business cards, a banner and possibly a website, and the artist possibly would receive a small honorarium.

For more information, contact Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or by e-mail at fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org. ■

Health & Wellness Center Entrance

Reminder: The drive-through entrance at the Health & Wellness Center is for loading and unloading only.

The entrance was built with our Elders and those with mobility issues and their ease of access in mind. If you are coming to the center to pick up prescriptions, please park in one of our regular parking spaces.

**Thank you,
Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Administration**

The next General Council meeting will be held at **11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5** in the Pacific Ballroom at the Monarch Hotel 12566 S.E. 93rd Ave. off Interstate 205 near Clackamas Town Center

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Editorial Board Members wanted

(1) An Editorial Board is hereby created and shall consist of at least three (3), but no more than five (5), individuals. A majority of the Board shall be Tribal members.

(2) Current Tribal employees and employees of Tribal enterprises including Spirit Mountain Casino may serve on the Editorial Board but a majority of the Board shall be comprised of non-employees.

(3) The term of office for an Editorial Board member shall be for three (3) years, except the terms of initial Editorial Board members may be staggered between one (1) and three (3) years.

(4) To be eligible to serve as an Editorial Board member a person must:

(A) Be at least 18 years old;

(B) Have qualified experience in management and/or publication;

(C) Be of good character and integrity; and

(D) Certify he or she will adhere to the standards of accepted ethics of journalism as defined by the Society of Professional Journalists and endorsed by the Native American Journalists Association.

*The powers and duties of the editorial board can be found in Section F of the Independent Tribal Press Ordinance.

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