



2012 – The successful partnerships that the Grand Ronde Tribe built in the Portland metropolitan area paid surprising dividends when cedar bark and yew trees from the renovation of the Sellwood Bridge were given to the Tribe for future cultural uses.

2007 – Tribal Council members Wesley “Buddy” West, Kathleen Tom and Cheryl A. Kennedy attended a luncheon at Michelbrook Country Club in McMinnville to welcome Linfield College’s 19th president, Thomas Hellie. The Tribal Council members presented Hellie with a Tribal logo Pendleton blanket and welcomed him to the community.



File photo

2002 – Almost 100 people showed up at Grand Ronde Elementary School to finish the Walk From Table Rock with Marine Corps veteran Steve Bobb Sr. The walk was 265 miles long and lasted 14 days.

1997 – The new Natural Resources Department building was being constructed off Hebo Road and was expected to be completed by the summer.

1992 – The new Dental Clinic opened on March 10 in the Community Center with a staff of Rose Jimmicum, Pam Wilson and Tammy McClung. The clinic had three treatment rooms with new equipment.

1987 – Eula and John Petite celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 7. Their daughter, Sister Kateri Petite, celebrated a special Mass for them at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Grand Ronde.

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

Hatfield Fellow program seeking applicants

The web-based application for the 2017-18 Hatfield Fellowship opened on Monday, March 13, for Oregon Tribal members and will close on Friday, April 28.

Each year, Spirit Mountain Community Fund sponsors a congressional fellowship with a member of the Oregon delegation to enhance the mutual understanding between the federal government and Indian Country.

Past fellows have served in a number of Senate and House congressional offices, including those of Sens. Ron Wyden, Jeff Merkley and Gordon Smith and Reps. Kurt Schrader, Darlene Hooley, Peter DeFazio and Greg Walden.

“The Hatfield Fellowship is a yearly investment in strengthening the understanding between Oregon Tribes and our congressional representatives,” said Community Fund Director Mychal Cherry. “By spending eight months as part of a congressional office, these Tribal members come away with an invaluable understanding of how things are done in D.C. During the fellowship experience, working relationships are formed that will benefit the fellow throughout their career. The congressional staff also learn from a colleague about the realities in Indian Country and the huge potential for our communities. This is absolutely a learning exchange.”

Fellows begin their time in Washington, D.C., in November with a month-long orientation with the American Political Science Association in Washington, D.C.

The Hatfield Fellowship was created in 1998 to honor Sen. Mark Hatfield’s public service to Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. Additional information about the program is available at www.thecommunityfund.com/hatfield-fellowship. ■

Bike helmets available

The Tribe’s Social Services Department has bicycle helmets available for distribution.

Those needing a helmet need to visit the department and sign a helmet application, as well as get fitted.

For more information, contact Social Services at 503-879-2034. ■



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Name changes in Tribal Court

Tribal Court provides both minor and adult name changes to enrolled members for a filing fee of only \$30.

If you have any questions or would like to request a packet, contact Tribal Court at 503-879-2303. ■

18, 19, 20, 21! are you ready?

**Minors’ Trust Fund
Preparing for 21!!
Community Meeting**

Dinner – Raffle – Gifts - Conversation

What:
Community meeting to talk about the Minors’ Trust Fund (“21 Money”)

Where:
Tribal Community Center – Grand Ronde, Oregon

When:
March 15, 2017 - 5:30 p.m.

Why:
To hear from Tribal members and family about how the Trust “21 Money” is helping, benefiting, being used and how it can be improved.

Who:
Enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal members, parents and guardians and families 18 years of age and older.

For more information call 503-879-2275 or 503-879-2165

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of what goes in Smoke Signals?**

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.**

To apply contact: Stacia Martin 503-879-2304 or stacia.martin@grandronde.org

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