



2012 – Tribal members were preparing to vote on a constitutional change that would institute a primary election process. The proposal would create a primary election if the number of nominated Tribal Council candidates in late June exceeded 10. If adopted, the top six candidates in the primary would move on to the September general election.

2007 – Tribal Elder Sanda “Sam” Henny and Tribal member David DeHart were in charge of the new Tribal Career Development Program that tried to find the right career paths for Tribal members. “The program is for retention of Tribal employees,” Henny said.



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2002 – Thirty aspiring archaeologists took part in a five-day, 40-hour course that familiarized them with cultural site preservation in Grand Ronde. Jeff Van Pelt, program manager of the Umatilla Cultural Resources Department, brought a team of specialists in Native cultural preservation to teach the course.

1997 – Construction projects occurring in the Grand Ronde included a gravel addition to the Tribal Cemetery parking area, transferring the Grand Meadows property to trust status and ongoing construction at the Health & Wellness Center and Natural Resources facilities. Also, plans for an administrative building to replace the modulares on Grand Ronde Road were coalescing.

1992 – Tribal members Dustin and Shonn Leno won state wrestling titles. Dustin, 14, was a freshman at Willamina High School while Shonn was a 16-year-old junior. They wrestled in the 2A Division.

1987 – Tribal Council approved rules regarding identification cards, including that they will be issued to enrolled members 11 or older, no hats or sunglasses will be allowed in ID photos and that there will be a \$2 fee for replacement cards. However, there will be no fee for replacement cards issued to Elders 55 or older.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde recently implemented a process that will allow all Tribal members who reside in the state of Oregon the option of requesting Oregon income tax withholdings from their per capita and Elders benefit payments. Information regarding this option was mailed to all Oregon resident Tribal members the week of March 6.

While recognizing we have Tribal members who currently reside throughout the 50 states, we will not be offering the state income tax withholding option to Tribal members who reside outside of Oregon at this time. The administrative time, costs and reporting requirements to implement the option in all states would be very expensive. This is the main contributing factor in our decision not to offer the option outside of Oregon.

There are a couple of options for Tribal members who wish to set aside money in order to cover any potential year-end state tax liability:

- Tribal members aged 18 and over can defer a portion of their per capita payments to their adult savings plan. That money would be available to withdraw from your savings plan as needed. Please note – this option is not available for Elders’ payments. Money cannot be deferred to the adult savings plan from Elders payments.
- Open a regular savings account at a bank or credit union and set aside money throughout the year for your use as needed.
- Check with your state’s taxing authority to determine if you are able to pay “estimated” taxes throughout the year, which could reduce the amount you are required to pay at year-end.

We encourage you to seek advice from your tax accountant or CPA should you have any questions about your specific state tax liability. ■

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Investments in the Adult Members’ Trust Fund and the Minors’ Custodial and Rabbi Trust Funds are updated each business day.

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(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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