



**2012** – Bonneville Power Administration, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Nature Conservancy and staff members from the offices of Oregon Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley joined the Grand Ronde Tribe in Junction City to mark the donation to the Tribe of almost 100 acres of prairie habitat and oak savannah at Rattlesnake Butte.



2012

File photo

**2007** – Illinois Sen. Barack Obama visited Portland and addressed a crowd of approximately 4,000 at the Oregon Convention Center as part of his “Countdown to Change” presidential campaign. Before his address, he met with Tribal representatives, including Tribal Council member Chris Mercier.

**2002** – Sheets Construction was in the midst of building the West Valley Veterans Memorial on the Grand Ronde campus. Construction of the memorial was the culmination of years of planning and fundraising by veterans and community members.

**1997** – Salem Mayor Mike Swaim issued a Human Rights proclamation that apologized for discrimination and racial injustice that has historically occurred in Oregon’s capital. Swaim also apologized to the Native American students who attended Chemawa Boarding School who were stripped of their culture and language and made to abandon their cultural identity and spirituality.

**1992** – Ed Larsen, owner of the Spirit Mountain Store in Grand Ronde, was featured in a monthly column that profiled Tribal members who have started their own business. He and his wife, Shirley, purchased the store about seven years earlier by taking out a second mortgage on their home.

**1987** – With Congress reconvening on Sept. 10, Tribal Council Chairman Mark Mercier was encouraging Tribal members to write letters of support for the proposed 15,665-acre Reservation. Letters were to be sent to U.S. Reps. Les AuCoin and Peter DeFazio and Sens. Mark Hatfield and Bob Packwood.

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

## ATTENTION CTGR TELEPHONE SERVICE

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# FUNDRAISER

The Willamina V.F.W. Aux. #4211

is sponsoring an evening of Bingo and Auctions.

Proceeds will go to Iskam MəkhMəkh-Haws (Grand Ronde Food Pantry)

We will have BINGO, silent and oral auctions.  
(ages 10 and up may play with an adult)

When: Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017

Where: V.F.W. Hall - 771 NE Main Street, Willamina, OR

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m., Games start at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for 1 main game packet of 10 games

To **Purchase BINGO Pre-sale Tickets** please contact: Vickie Rober 503-843-7444 / Debra Nolen 503-879-2409 / or Francene Ambrose 503-879-3663.

## 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. ■

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The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde  
Invite you to join us for  
**Coffee & Conversation**

Friday, Sept. 29, 2017  
8:30 a.m.  
Marnot Courtyard  
600 Airport Road | Medford, Oregon 97504

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Each year the Grand Ronde Tribe celebrates the anniversary of their Treaty signing at Table Rocks and our MOU with the Bureau of Land Management and the Nature Conservancy. We invite you to meet with our Tribal Council and staff and learn more about our historic and current role in the area.

Please RSVP for the Coffee & Conversation at:  
[PublicAffairs@grandronde.org](mailto:PublicAffairs@grandronde.org)  
503-879-1418

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On Friday we will have a Tribal encampment at Lower Table Rock Trailhead on Wheeler Road. You are invited to join us for Tribal cultural demonstrations from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The demonstrations are free and open to the public.