



2012 – Tribal Elder and former Tribal Council Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison was named “History Maker” and “Woman of the Year” in the same week. She was honored by the Oregon Historical Society for being one of four History Makers for 2012. The next night, Harrison accepted the 2012 Betty Roberts Women in Leadership Award, hosted by Emerge Oregon, a Portland-based training program for Democratic women.



2012 File photo

2007 – The southern expansion of Spirit Mountain Casino was set to be complete five months ahead of schedule. During the monthly General Council meeting, Interim General Manager Roy Rhode credited good fall weather with helping contractors finish ahead of schedule.

2002 – Tribal Elder Don Simmons was featured in a front-page article that chronicled his transformation from homelessness and addiction to becoming an avid runner and cyclist. “Running saved my life,” he said.

1997 – Tribal physician Dr. James P. Molloy III became a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. He was one of 500 family physicians from across the United States to receive the honor, which recognized those who made a difference in their local communities through service and professional development.

1992 – Camille VanVleet resigned as the Tribe’s drug and alcohol prevention counselor after 3.5 years. She left to finish her bachelor’s degree at Linfield College.

1987 – Nan Knight became the second Tribal member to receive a minority student tuition and fees scholarship for the 1987-88 school year at the Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls. The scholarship totaled \$7,830 for up to five years. She planned to major in mechanical engineering.

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

Food Bank provides boxes, seeks help

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam mək^hmək haws – is operated by Marion-Polk Food Share, which has been leading the fight to end hunger since 1987 because no one should be hungry.

Recipients of SNAP, TANF, SSI or LIHEAP assistance automatically qualify for assistance at the Grand Ronde Food Bank, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. No one will be turned away in need of a food box.

“We believe that everyone deserves to have enough to eat,” Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose says. “You are welcome to get a food box at each of our regular weekly distributions. No one will be turned away in need of a food box.”

Upcoming food box distribution dates will be:

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20;
- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25.

Those who are unable to pick up a food box can fill out an authorized representative form and that person can pick up a food box on your behalf. The authorization is good for one year.

The last preservation class will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, and will focus on canning salmon and apple pie filling.

Grandiose Ghoulish Gathering will be held noon Saturday, Oct. 28, at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Grand Ronde. It is the annual food box fundraiser for the Food Bank. A “ghoulish” meal will be provided and be followed by silent and oral auction fundraisers. The Food Bank is seeking volunteers and auction items.

The Food Bank continues to seek volunteers to help with repacking food, putting food on the shelves, handing out food boxes and end-of-month inventory. In addition, volunteers are being sought for the Fresh Alliance program and Salem Harvest.

Call to ensure someone is available to assist. People also can sign up for a monthly e-mail for the Food Bank calendar and events, as well as follow the Food Bank on Facebook.

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider.

Call Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or contact her at fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■

West Valley Fire plans meeting

WILLAMINA – West Valley Fire District is holding a Town Hall meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at the fire district office, 825 N.E. Main St., in Willamina. The event will provide information on preparing disaster kits, helping during an emergency, setting up neighborhood meetings and safe zones, and other emergency information about earthquakes, floods and wildfires. For more information, call the Fire District at 503-876-2004 or send an e-mail to clerk@westvalleyfd.org. ■

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GYMNASIUM

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Always 3rd Saturday in Oct.

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