



2012 – Redmond Police Department veteran Alvin LaChance Jr. was sworn in as Grand Ronde’s first Tribal Police chief during what Tribal Council Vice Chair Jack Giffen Jr. called, “a monumental day for Tribal self-governance.” LaChance, 60, joined Jake McKnight, who was also sworn in as sergeant. “This is a historic day for the Tribe,” Tribal Council member Kathleen Tom said. “To have its own police officers on its own land. And to have two longtime Tribal families to represent us is such an honor. It’s just another blessing for this Tribe.”



2012 File photo

2007 – The “most important day in Grand Ronde history” – Restoration Day – was celebrated with a feast and powwow to fete its 24th anniversary. Almost 500 Tribal members, friends and family attended the events. Tribal Elder Cordelia Kneeland blessed the meal and was at the honorary head of the serving line followed by Elder Dale Langley.

2002 – A traditional longhouse project gained momentum as Tribal members volunteered to split cedar planks with traditional tools from the past. Tribal member Don Day and a crew of six volunteers braved the elements with wooden mallets and antler wedges to split the wood in the Willamette National Forest.

1997 – Polk County Deputy Sheriff Tom O’Brien encouraged community members to “take back control” by becoming more involved and depending less on the government. He explained that a sense of community responsibility had been passed to others and the results were sometimes very frustrating to understand. “Our resources are not keeping pace with the growth and probably won’t for the foreseeable future,” he said. “Even with all this, we have the opportunity to maintain some local control and project influence on future decisions affecting Grand Ronde.”

1992 – Indian Health Service honored Cheryle A. Kennedy as Outstanding Portland Area Tribal Health Administrator. She was feted during a banquet at the Portland Holiday Inn attended by approximately 250 health care workers. At the time, Kennedy had worked for the Grand Ronde Health Department for eight years.

1987 – Eight Tribal members were issued penalties for failure to return first-season elk tags by the designated deadline. Penalties issued by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission involved the loss of hunting privileges until Jan. 1, 1989. The delay in returning the tags resulted in delays reissuing those to second season Tribal hunters.

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, Dec. 1;
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15;
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22 (holiday box distribution).

The Food Bank will be closed the week of Dec. 25-29 in observance of the Christmas holiday and re-open on Friday, Jan. 5.

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 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.

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@marion-polkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■

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Social Services offers clothing gift cards

The Social Services Department’s program to provide school clothing for Tribal member children has funding in the form of Old Navy gift cards. To receive a gift card, contact Social Services for an application. The cards are for Tribal member children who have not accessed the program this year.

For more information, contact Administrative Assistant Tammy Garrison at 503-879-2077 or tammy.garrison@grandronde.org. ■

SUPPLEMENTAL FISH DISTRIBUTION

NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

FISH LAB

47010 S.W. HEBRO ROAD
GRAND RONDE, OREGON 97347
503-879-2424



GRAND RONDE LIVING AND ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBERS MUST SHOW CURRENT PHOTO ID.

Monday, Dec. 11, 2017

8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Elders will have a special line established to expediently fill their requests. To ensure this, only Elder orders will be filled using this line. Thank you for understanding and consideration of others.

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IF PICKING UP FOR ANOTHER TRIBAL MEMBER THE BELOW signed release AND copy of Tribal ID or CIB is required! No Exceptions!

No early or late pickup - Fish will NOT be mailed

If you have any questions please call the Natural Resources Department 503-879-2424.

DECEMBER 2017 SALMON DISTRIBUTION RELEASE

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Signature of Tribal member: _____ Date: _____

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