



**2013** – A longtime Grand Ronde Tribal employee saw the return of cherished jewelry she lost 12 years before. Tammy Garrison, administrative assistant for the Tribe’s Social Services Department, lost a silver and amethyst ring when the department’s offices were housed in a modular. It was found during demolition of those buildings and subsequently returned to her. “You have to understand, the few months leading up to losing the ring I had lost my mom, divorced, been in a car accident and was currently on crutches after being in an accident at home. I had lost so much already and was tired of being on, what felt like, the losing end. So in a way, that ring became even more valuable to me, and it felt like one more piece of me was gone, too.”

**2008** – The Grand Ronde Tribal Council authorized applying to the Federal Transit Administration for a \$393,142 Tribal Transit grant to help fund commuter transit service between Grand Ronde and Salem. The planned Salem service was focused on employee commuters, but also open to the general public. Service was set to begin in the fall of 2008, using current Tribal Transit funding to begin.

**2003** – The Eagle Beak drum group was featured as members prepared to perform at the upcoming Grand Ronde Contest Powwow. Group members didn’t think of their drum as just a thing to create music. The drum was like a grandfather to them. “The drum watches over us,” Bobby Mercier said. “It’s just like your grandpa or grandma.” The group had been listening, learning and doing what their Elders taught them since it was formed in 1994. Original members were Mercier, Shane Harmon, Dustin Harmon and Joe Hostler.



2003 File photo

**1998** – After a series of membership input meetings, Tribal Council decided to prioritize Elder pension, education and health security. The forums were the first to be held outside of Grand Ronde in more than two years. “I like going there and meeting the people,” Vice Chair Ed Larsen said. “We came out of the meetings with a lot of good ideas we had not thought about. Of course, we’ll still be waiting for those write-ins from people who were not able to attend the meetings.” Council also noted how the majority of members voiced support for paying into stable, more comprehensive services and long-term investments over whittling away Tribal revenues through member benefit disbursements.

**1993** – Grand Ronde Executive Officer Jim Willis was appointed to the Oregon Board of Higher Education by Gov. Barbara Roberts. The appointment was then approved by the Senate Rules Committee and then the full Senate. The appointment was set to begin in 1994 and end in 1997.

**1988** – Tribal Council member Kathryn Harrison was awarded a medal for her years of outstanding service in Indian Country at the National Indian Board on Alcohol and Drug Abuse conference in Minneapolis, Minn. Representing the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde were Social Services Program Director Mary Ring, Harrison and Youth Representative Mychal Childers, among others. The conference covered topics on drug and substance abuse, and prevention.

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

## Police Department has non-emergency text line

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department has created a non-emergency text line.

“We learned in our last school meeting that kids would like a different way to communicate with the police if they have a non-emergency situation,” Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight said. “We all know kids love to text so my officers and I decided this would be a great tool to utilize.”

The new text number is 541-921-2927.

“Even though this is mostly designed for children, I don’t want adults thinking that they can’t use it as well. If you have a non-emergency situation or question, feel free to contact my officer via text through this line. When one of my officers receives the text, they will call you back when they have time.”

McKnight said that emergency situations still require people to call 911. For more information, contact McKnight at 503-879-1474. ■

## Smoke Signals posts eight candidate podcasts

Still unsure about who you will vote for in the Sept. 8 Tribal Council election? *Smoke Signals* can help you decide!

Eight Tribal Council interviews have been posted at [www.spreaker.com](http://www.spreaker.com), *Smoke Signals*’ podcasting host website. The interviews can be found by searching for “Smoke Signals podcasts” or by clicking on the links added to the newspaper’s Facebook page.

Tribal incumbents Cheryle A. Kennedy, Jon A. George and Brenda Tuomi and challengers Kristina Helfrich, Steve Bobb Sr., Victor Cureton, Brent Merrill and Jonathan R. George all sat down with *Smoke Signals* Editor Dean Rhodes for 20- to 25-minute interviews.

Candidates discussed such issues as this year’s advisory votes, enrollment issues, the Multnomah Greyhound Park property in Wood Village, possibly building a grocery store in Grand Ronde, a Tribal free press and the size of Tribal government.

For more information, contact Rhodes at [dean.rhodes@grandronde.org](mailto:dean.rhodes@grandronde.org) or call 503-879-1418. ■



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### Come to Iskam MəkʰMək-Haws and Learn About Food Preservation and Proper Storage



The Oregon State University Extension Service continues to offer a variety of food preservation classes this summer and into the fall. The classes are staffed by trained Master Food Preserver volunteers who provide instruction and hands-on opportunities for participants to practice safe food preservation techniques and build self-confidence and skills. The schedule of food preservation classes for includes:

- ~~Pickling, Fermenting & Quick Pickles – Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.~~  
This class covers safe procedures selecting and preparing ingredients for pickling vegetables, including fermented and fresh pack pickles and sauerkraut.
- **Preserving Tuna and Relish – Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
In this hands-on class you will learn how to safely preserve tuna using a pressure canner. This class will also cover relish.
- **Preserving Tomatoes and the “Laws of Salsa” – Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
Spice up your life year round with flavorful tomato sauces and salsas that you preserve at the height of the tomato season. You will learn how to safely can tomatoes and salsa, which you will take home.
- **(On Hold For Now) Preserving Meat – Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
Learn to properly field dress and process your wild game and learn ways to properly preserve your meat safely whether you are pressure canning, drying or smoking these low-fat meats.

Pre-registration is required a minimum of 5 days before the scheduled class. Class size and children are limited and you must pre-register. Classes are free and include an instructional packet, recipes, and sample products to take home. The classes will be held at Iskam MəkʰMək-Haws, located at 9675 Grand Ronde Road in Grand Ronde. For more information regarding these classes contact Coordinator, Francine Ambrose at 503-879-3663, or [fran.brosenius@oregonstate.edu](mailto:fran.brosenius@oregonstate.edu).



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