

Ceremonial Hunt Update

As we start the new year, I am excited to share information on our new Meat Distribution Policy. Last year we developed a list of events and gatherings that qualify for meat. A complete list is available at Natural Resources, but a few new events that qualify are weddings, sweats, prevention gatherings and Coming of Age ceremonies. Donation requests are available at Natural Resources also.

I look forward to a productive year and hope we can continue to meet the needs of the Tribe to partake in traditional foods.

If you have questions, feel free to call me.

Marline Groshong, chairperson

Availability of Transit Grant Funds

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is providing notice that eligible transportation providers may apply for federal 5310 grant funds (\$98,095) allocated to the Tribe for the 2019-2021 biennium by the Oregon Department of Transportation. Projects providing transportation services to seniors and persons with disabilities are eligible for funding including those that also serve the general public. In past years the Tribe has chosen to select internally generated proposals to use these funds in agreements for the transit service to Salem through the Tillamook County Transportation District (TCTD) and to McMinnville through the Yamhill County Transit Area.

Applications submitted for projects serving the Grand Ronde community must be submitted to the Grand Ronde Tribe not later than noon Feb. 18, 2019. Contact Kim Rogers at 503-879-2250, kim.rogers@grandronde.org for more information. The Tribe will also be applying for its ODOT Special Transportation Fund (STF) allocation (\$135,400) and suggestions and comments can be provided for use of those funds as well. STF funds have been used for these same routes and agreements and for transit service to Lincoln City through an agreement with TCTD.

The Tribe's STF Advisory Committee will meet to review 5310 and STF proposals received (internal and external) at 12:15 p.m. Feb. 19, 2019, at the Elders Activity Center (dining hall north end), 48940 Blacktail Drive, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 (which is west of Grand Ronde Road). The public is invited to attend this meeting.

It is expected that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, which is an STF Agency, will vote on the recommended uses of these funds at their council meeting on 4 p.m. March 6, 2019. ■

Sewing class participants wanted

The sewing classes that have been held at the Elders Activity Center have been canceled due to lack of participation. Classes could resume if at least six people commit to attending.

To commit or find out more information, contact Elders Activity Assistant Virginia Kimsey-Roof at 503-879-2233. ■



2014 – The country's longest car-free bridge over the Willamette River had a one in four chance of receiving a Chinuk Wawa name. Out of 9,000 submissions, the Grand Ronde Tribe's suggested name "Tillicum Crossing," or "Bridge of the People," was among the finalists. "It is very representative of use by people," Tribal Historian David Lewis said. "And it is connected by Tribal history and mythology with the nearby Bridge of the Gods."



2014

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2009 – Bus service began between Grand Ronde and Salem. The Salem Area Mass Transit District and Tribal Council entered into an agreement that started nine round trips daily Monday through Friday between the Salem-Keizer Transit Mall and Spirit Mountain Casino. "This new agreement with the Tribe allows us to lower our layoff rate by using Salem drivers to staff these new Grand Ronde routes," said Tribal member Shelley Hanson, who was secretary of the Transit District board of directors as well as director of Spirit Mountain Community Fund. "This is an excellent opportunity for Tribal members, casino employees, Tribal employees and casino guests to use mass transit to lower their commute costs as well as their carbon footprint."

2004 – Tribal member Erick Estrada was seeing the War in Iraq from the front row after enlisting in the Army following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. "Just keep your eyes open and don't trust too many people," advised his grandfather, Tribal Elder Bud Leno, who served in World War II. In Kuwait, Estrada and fellow soldiers lived in tents with outside temperatures soaring as high as 130 degrees. As a nuclear, biological and chemical specialist with the 30th Medical Unit in Baghdad, Estrada also distributed uniforms that helped defend soldiers against weapons of mass destruction.

1999 – The opening of Spirit Mountain Lodge included Tribal members, community members and other guests who toured the hotel, casino and Hall of Legends. Tribal Council member Val Grout gave an opening blessing. Tribal Council Chair Kathryn Harrison thanked those who had supported building the hotel. "On days like this, I always think back to where our people came from," Harrison said. "I am sure they didn't live in a place like this. I hope when the future generations take over, they will have good things to say about us because, then, we will be the ancestors."

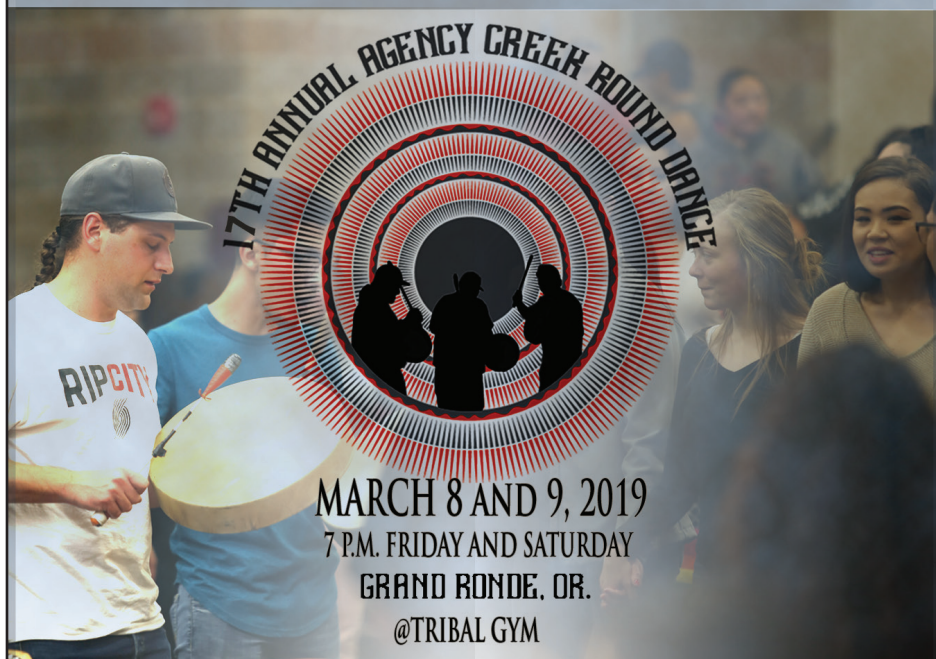
1994 – Grand Ronde Tribal Council, Spirit Mountain Development Corp., Tribal members and staff traveled to the state Capitol in Salem for a dedication of Native American artifacts that had been recently found along the Columbia River. SAFECO Properties Inc. was in the process of developing land in Gresham when the artifacts were found. Archaeologists determined the artifacts to have originated from two separate settlement periods, approximately 950 A.D. and 1400 A.D. The artifacts were presented to the Tribe at a ceremony and were to be kept temporarily by the Marion County Historical Society.

1989 – Five Tribal members attending Willamina High School spoke at a Tribal Council meeting to request support for a school trip to Florida to visit the Kennedy Space Center, EPCOT Center and Sea World. The five students — Trevor Aaron, Angela Leno, Leanna and Tommy McKnight, and Cory Meneley — needed \$575 each to pay for round-trip costs to visit Florida. The students were looking for sponsors and donations, and had raised approximately \$200.

1984 – Due to its newly federally-recognized status, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde was an honored guest at the mid-winter Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians conference held at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Portland. Tribal Council Vice Chair Kathryn Harrison talked to the group about the Tribe's history and the struggle for Restoration.

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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR TRADITIONAL ROUND DANCE TO CELEBRATE SOBRIETY, COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS



Hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Youth Prevention Program

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Native Youth Wellness Day

Friday, March 8, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tribal gymnasium

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