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#### Tribe Celebrates Restoration

Members unite to give thanks, recognize effort and achievements.



Celebration — Tribal members Melissa Biery (left) and Shasta Wilson fancy shawl dance for an admiring crowd at the Annual Grand Ronde Restoration Day Pow-Wow, held in the new gymnasium at the Tribe's Education campus.

By Peta Tinda

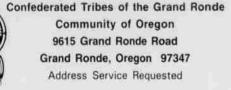
The 19th Annual Tribal Restoration Day Celebration was a time to give thanks for all the good things that come with Tribal recognition and sovereignty. It was also a time to look back and recognize the hard work and effort it took to get the Tribe where it is today.

The yearly ceremony commemorates the Grand Ronde Restoration Act Restoration continued on page 3



### Seasons Change -

The fall season brings change to the Northwest when colors take center stage. Oregon is world-renowned for its beauty when summer changes to fall and fall becomes winter.



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#### **Native American Film Festival**

#### Movie Star -

Native actor Saginaw Grant was honored as the Best Supporting Actor at the 27th Annual Native American Film Festival in San Francisco, California on Saturday, November 9. Grant was honored for his work as a medicine man in the major motion picture "Skinwalkers." Grant received his award from Grand Ronde Tribal Elder and former Tribal Chair Kathryn Harrison. The movie also starred Native actors Wes Studi and Adam Beach.



Friends — Harrison also spent time with friends and well-known actor Gary Farmer. Farmer starred in movies like "Pow-wow Highway" and "Smoke Signals."



## **Lummi Nation Thanks Grand Ronde For Tribe's Support**

■ NCAI gathering is the setting for the meeting.

#### By Ron Karten

Lummi Nation Chairman Darrell Hillaire said the gifts were given in thanks to those who "helped us go from the Lummi Nation to Ground Zero."

He was referring to the Healing Pole carved under the direction of Lummi Master Carver Jewell James, which traveled across the country in late August and early September. It was planted in the Sterling Forest in New York, an 80acre site an hour north of Ground Zero and dedicated to victims of the World Trade Center terrorist at-

From the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Tribal Council Secretary June Sell-Sherer and Tribal Council member Valorie Sheker-Robertson received a framed collec-

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