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Photo by Peita Tinda

All Nine – Representatives of all of Oregon's nine recognized Indian Tribes gathered at the annual Government-to-Government Summit in Corvallis on Tuesday, October 28. Tribal leaders met with each other and with Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski to discuss many important issues between Tribes and the state. Pictured here are Burns Paiute Tribal Chairman Dean Adams, Umatilla Tribal Chairman Gary Burke, Jessie Davis of Siletz, Warm Springs Tribal Chairman Garland Brunoe, Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski, Coquille Indian Tribe's Tribal Chairman Ed Metcalf, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians Tribal Chairwoman Sue Schaffer, Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Tribal Chairman Ron Brainard, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle Kennedy and Vice Chairman of the Klamath Tribe Joe Hobbs.



Photo by Brent Merrill

Family Time — Tribal member Jeremy Haller shows his son Jacob the art of pumpkin carving on the evening of Thursday, October 23 at a pumpkin carving party in the driveway of Jacob's great grandma Val Grout.

Restoration Celebration At Casino

■ Grand Ronde Tribe reaches milestone moment in Tribal history.

By Ron Karten

The celebration marking 20 years of Restoration for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will fill up the Spirit Mountain Casino starting at 2 p.m. for most of Saturday, November 22

It will feature Indian foods with descriptions of what they are and historically, how they were enjoyed. It will feature Indian flute music. It will be a showcase for some of the statesmen and women whose dedication to Indian rights and hard work made Restoration possible. It will be a showcase for Country singer Crystal Gayle. But it will not compete with the way Restoration redefined what it means to be an Indian, or the bedrock benefits of health care and housing that have come along as a result.

"Restoration is not an event," said Robert Kentta, Siletz Cultural Resources Director, at the recent Government-to-Government Summit in Corvallis, "but an ongoing process." The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians were restored in 1977, six years before Restoration in Grand Ronde.

For many, the announcement that Restoration had happened



Photo courtesy of Associated Press

Star Performance — Country and Western Music Superstar Crystal Gayle will perform live at the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's 20th anniversary of Restoration celebration at Spirit Mountain Casino on Saturday, November 22. See the schedule of events published inside on Page 5.

came in the form of a phone call. Tribal Council member Bob Haller was working on a dam in Washington when he got the call. "Very elated," is how he remembers feeling.

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