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Rookie Of The Year — *Smoke Signals*' staffer Toby McClary joined the team in late 2003 and quickly showed his raw talent for journalism.

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tive Youth Conference in South Dakota.

The Tribe's Cultural Resources Department teamed up with the Mission Mill Museum and the family of author Dr. Harold Mackey to reprint, update and provide additional comment for his classic book of local Indian history, *The Kalapuyans*.

Tribal member Jan Michael Reibach was honored by the Indian Summer Music Awards. Reibach's "Native Blues" was nominated in the blues category, and his CD "One



Pow-wow Fun — Tribal Veterans' Royalty princesses share a laugh at the Annual Tribal Pow-wow held the third weekend in August each year in Grand Ronde

Heart, One Spirit" was nominated in the flute category.

The Tribal entry, "A Journey of Tradition," in this year's Grand Floral Parade won the top honor, "The Sweepstakes Award."

Tribal member Frank Grammer returned to the service this year for a second tour of duty.

Oregon State University's Native American Collaborative Institute opened to serve the area's Native communities.

Tribal members took the annual pilgrimage to New York City's Museum of Natural History to be reunited with "Tomanowos," the Willamette Meteorite.

Smoke Signals staffers participated in Unity 2004, the largest convention of journalists ever assembled. Native American journal-

ists joined with Black, Asian and Latino journalists from across the country. At the conference, the Native American Journalists Association honored *Smoke Signals* with 15 writing, photography and layout awards, the most this Tribal newspaper has ever received.

Tribal members helped the Ameri-

first annual Indian Housing Fair at the Chemawa School.

Tribal member Amanda Jones-Schulte, who doctors say will need a heart and lungs transplant, returned to Grand Ronde for pow-wow again this year.

The Tribe's Wellness staff initiated the "Dog Days of Summer

Also this year, Tribal Elder Merle Holmes held a traditional naming ceremony for his son, Jim. For many in the Tribe, this was the first time they had seen a naming ceremony.

can Indian Film Institute raise money and honor the memory of Indian actor Will Sampson, who played Chief Bromden in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.

The Tribal Housing Authority initiated what it anticipates will be the

Health Walk" this summer to help Tribal members and employees improve their health through exercise.

Tribal youth enjoyed a week's worth of "culture-based" science camp this summer. The kids went hiking and exploring.

Presidential candidate John Kerry's stepson, Andre Heinz, visited the Grand Ronde Pow-wow in the heat of the campaign.

The Tribe, through the Public Information office, hosted the first Native American High School Journal-



Friends Of The Tribe — Local Veterans enjoy the Grand Ronde Veterans' Pow-wow. It honors the sacrifices of Veterans — both Native and non-Native.

ism Institute this year during pow-wow.

At the Health & Wellness Center, new Tribal employee Nancy May initiated a quality improvement program.

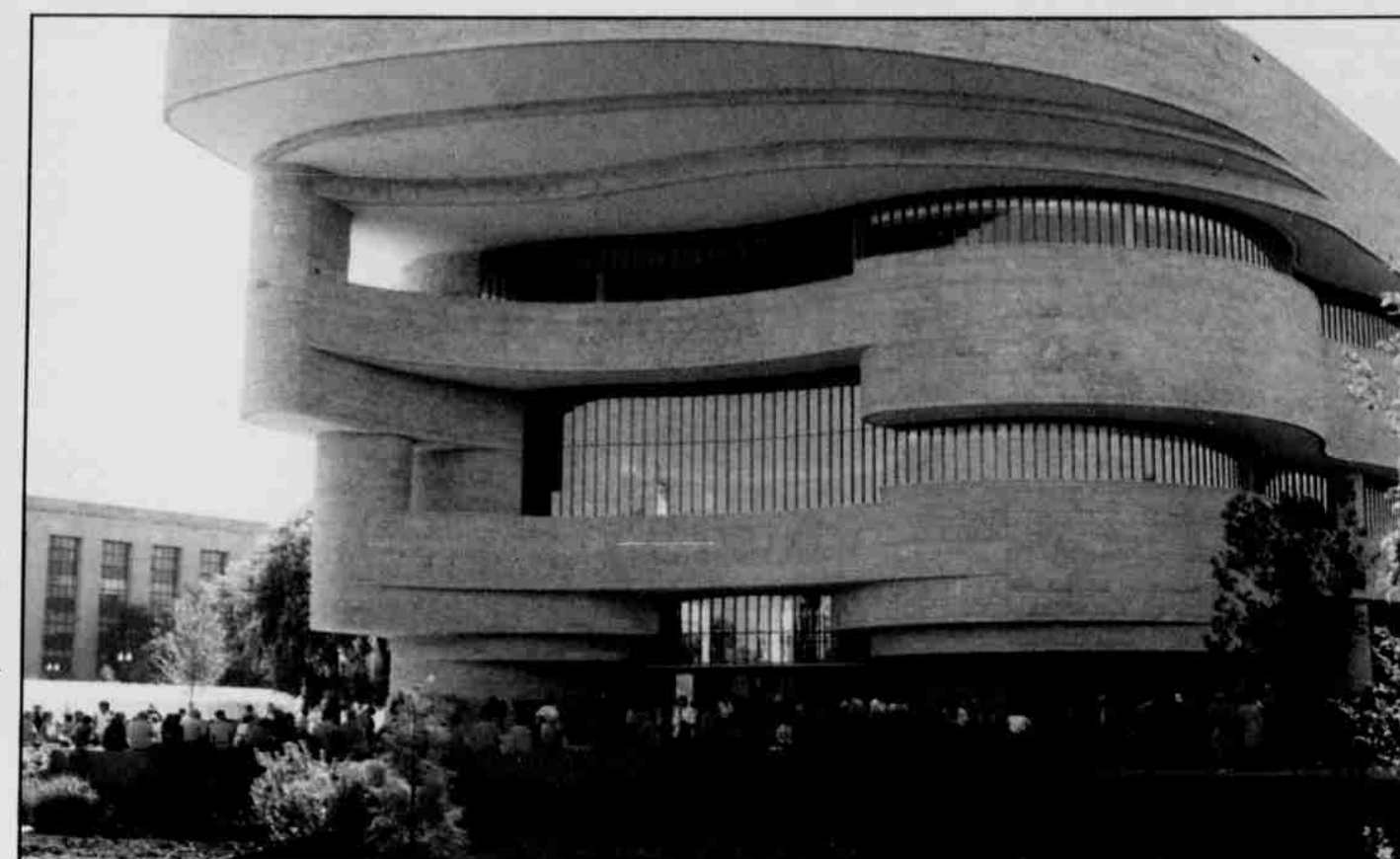
The Portland satellite office opened at 3312 S.W. Kelly, offering social services, vocational rehabilitation, employment, education and cultural activities to Tribal members in the Portland area.

The Lummi carried Freedom and Liberty poles to the nation's capital, stopping locally at the Chemawa Indian School in Salem.

The City of Sheridan continued to develop plans for a regional library. Lane Community College continued to raise money for its Long House project.

Tribal member Joseph Hostler was named the Tribe's 2004 Hatfield Fellow.

Tribal members dropped incumbents for three new Tribal Council



World Class — Grand Ronde Tribal members were at the opening on the National Museum of the Native American in Washington, D.C. this summer. The newest of the national museums houses thousands of Native artifacts and artworks and occupies the last space on the National Mall.

members this year: Wesley West, Angie Blackwell and Chris Mercier.

The National Museum of the American Indian opened to both cheers and jeers in Washington, D.C., taking the last spot available on the Capital Mall. A delegation from Grand Ronde joined 80,000 people for the opening.

The U.S. Postal Service issued "Art of the American Indian" stamps in a celebration at the Portland Art Museum. Tribal Council member Jan D. Reibach helped unveil the 10 new stamps while his son, Tribal member Jan Michael Reibach, honored the occasion with flute music.

The Tribe took out a major sponsorship for the Portland Winter Hawks amateur hockey team. The sponsorship provides Tribal members with free seats to Winter Hawks games and gives the Tribe a great

showcase.

An emotional plus for the Tribe was support for the Winter Hawks' star wing, Robin Big Snake, a Cree/Blackfeet out of Canada, who was known for his "in-your-face" kind of hockey. Unfortunately for both Snake and the Tribe, he was bounced from the roster early in the season for undisclosed (but possibly his famous in-your-face) behavior among teammates.

A small engine plane crash took the lives of Tribal youth Travis Hofenbredl and two friends from the community.

The Tribe completed construction of a new day use park located near the Governance Center. The park features trailer turn-outs, tables and grills, horseshoe pits and a permanent outdoor restroom.

N. Scott Momaday (Kiowa), Pulitzer

Prize winning author, a poet, painter, story teller and professor of English and American literature headlined an Oregon State University symposium, "Nature and the Sacred."

Tribal volunteers constructed a new playground area in the Tribe's family housing development.

Tribal member Mike Larsen took over as the casino's interim General Manager, again.

John Hawks (Chiricaua Apache), an internationally recognized artist, and his wife, Gail, an expert in Indian crafts, opened the Hawks World Gallery in McMinnville late in the year. Earlier, the pair had teamed up with investors in a Sheridan property to develop a gallery plus, but at the last minute, the plans fell through.

Tribal Elders did aerobics. ■



Elder Statesman — Tribal Elder Leonard Vivette enjoyed pow-wow from the comfort of the Elders' covered bleachers, built a few years ago as a good will gesture by Tribal members and students at the MacLaren School in Woodburn.



Seven Generations — The Grand Ronde Tribe hosted the 2nd Annual All-Indian Youth Basketball Tournament on May 29-30 of this year. Talented teams of Native youths came from all over the Northwest to participate in the tournament held in the Tribal gymnasium in Grand Ronde.



Ice Dreams — Portland Winter Hawks Right Wing Dan De Silva hustles the puck down the ice at the Memorial Coliseum. The Tribe sponsors the minor league hockey team in return for advertising during radio broadcasts of the games, as well as Tribal logos on the rink boards and large logos under the ice at both Memorial Coliseum and the Rose Garden in Portland.