



**2004** — Six Tribal youth went to the Northwest Indian Youth Conference in Rapid City, S.D. The trip, arranged by the Grand Ronde Youth Social Services Prevention Department, allowed the youth to network and learn leadership skills, as well as see Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse National Monument and the Badlands.

**1999** — A survey by the Oregon Tourism Commission named Spirit Mountain Casino as the No. 1 tourist attraction in Oregon with more than 2.5 million visitors. Other casinos in Oregon were listed among the top 12 attractions.

**1994** — Tribal member Tracy Olson, *Smoke Signals* editor, was one of 10 minority journalists to receive scholarships to the 18th annual Investigative Reporters and Editors National Conference in St. Louis, Mo. "This is the first time I have ever won anything," she said.

**1989** — Tribal Council selected Russell Leno, Wilmadene Butler, Blanche Lillard, Val Grout and Darrell Mercier to serve on the Cemetery Committee. Members had been working to prepare Grand Ronde Cemetery for the Memorial Day observance.

**1984** — The Interim Council had been working with Gary Forrester, director of the Native American Program of Oregon Legal Services, in drafting the Tribe's constitution and bylaws. Members of the Interim Council planned to visit other Tribes to study their constitutions and watch other Tribal Councils in action.

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

## CULTURAL GATHERINGS

- **MAY 15-16: GATHERING OF NATIONS INDIAN ENCAMPMENT HONORING OREGON'S SESQUICENTENNIAL (150TH) BIRTHDAY.** Celilo Village. **THE DALLES, OR.** 541-553-3270.
- **MAY 16: 24TH ANNUAL POWWOW IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN.** Kelso High School, 1904 Allen St. **KELSO, WA.** 360-501-1655.
- **MAY 23-24: ANNUAL ROOT FEAST AND POWWOW.** 31857 Emerson Lane. **COTTAGE GROVE, OR.** 541-942-2593.
- **MAY 30: WILLAMETTE INDIAN EDUCATION POWWOW.** Willamette High School, 1801 Echo Hollow Drive. **EUGENE, OR.** 541-461-8228 or amerrill@lesd.k12.or.us.
- **JUNE 6: BEAVERTON HIGH SCHOOL'S 5TH SPRING ANNUAL INTERTRIBAL POWWOW.** BHS Football Stadium, 13000 S.W. Second St. **BEAVERTON, OR.** 503-591-5961.
- **JUNE 6-7: 12TH ANNUAL ROGUE VALLEY VETERANS POWWOW.** V. A. SORRC, 8495 Crater Lake Highway. **WHITE CITY, OR.** 541-840-2565 or maxinde@charter.net.
- **JUNE 11-14: ANNUAL SALMON FEAST AND GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE.** On the Rogue River. **GOLD HILL, OR.** 541-474-2690.

*If you or anyone you know has information on cultural events happening, Smoke Signals would be glad to list it in our Cultural Gatherings. Please e-mail [news@grandronde.org](mailto:news@grandronde.org) or write to Smoke Signals, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.*

## Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Please join us for the next grandparent support group. We will meet the last Thursday of each month. The May topic of discussion will be "Interventions: Parenting Young Children".  
Hope to see you there.

### Support Group

Date: Thursday, May 28, 2009

Time: 10:30 A.M. - Noon

Place: Elders' Activity Center

Contact Person: Carmen Mercier 503-879-1646

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## Retirements honored



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**Tribal Elder Russ Leno, left, is congratulated by Tribal Council member Wink Soderberg after a special recognition of his retirement during the All Employee Meeting held in the Tribal gymnasium on Wednesday, April 29. Leno's last day as senior groundskeeper at the Tribal Cemetery was March 17, and he worked for the Tribe for almost 22 years. Below, Tribal Elder Betty Lambert talks after a special recognition of her retirement. Lambert worked as the Natural Resources Division secretary and had worked for the Tribe for more than eight years. She retired on Jan. 16.**



## Dehydrators wanted

The Grand Ronde Community Resource Center is seeking donations of food dehydrators for its food preservation program.

If you would like to donate, contact Patrice at 503-879-5731. Any and all donations of food, food preservation supplies and money are welcome. ■

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## PEACEMAKER PROGRAM

BRING PEACE OUT OF CONFLICT

The purpose of the Peacemaker Program is to provide a non-adversarial way to resolve disputes. The Peacemaker Program is intended to reflect the Tribe's tradition of using respected members of the community to heal conflicts among its members.

Trained Peacemakers facilitate the peacemaking process to guide the parties in coming to a mutually agreeable resolution to their conflict.

For more information about this Program, please contact the Tribal Court Program Specialist at the address listed below.

*Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.*

Chief Seattle, 1854

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