



2004 – Former President Ronald Reagan, who signed both the Grand Ronde Restoration Act in 1983 and the Tribe's Reservation Act in 1988, died on June 5 at his home in Los Angeles, Calif., at the age of 93.

1999 – A groundbreaking ceremony for the new Elder housing complex was held June 10. Tribal Elder Ila Dowd gave the opening prayer. The new complex will have 38 separate two-bedroom apartments off Grand Ronde Road for Tribal Elders to live in.

1994 – The Grand Ronde softball team, nicknamed The Coastal Rappers, took first place at the co-ed tournament sponsored by Chemawa Indian School. Team members were Deanna Glass, Greg Leno, CeCe Kneeland, Jim Holmes and Steve Diaz, and Siletz Tribal members Wozzie Case and Fonda Jackson.

1989 – Tribal enrollment had reached 2,457, according to Enrollment Director Margo George-Mercier.

1984 – Tribal Council members Russ Leno, Mark Mercier and Frank Harrison toured three other Indian reservations to compare Tribal constitutions and bylaws, and get a general idea of how other reservations operate.

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

CULTURAL GATHERINGS

- JUNE 19-21: **CITY OF ROSES DELTA PARK POWWOW.** East Delta Park, N. Union Ct. PORTLAND, OR.
- JULY 10-12: **GRAND RONDE VETERANS' POWWOW.** Uyxat Powwow Grounds, 9390 Highway 22. GRAND RONDE, OR. 1-800-422-0232. www.grandronde.org.
- JULY 24-26: **SOUTHERN OREGON UMPQUA FALLS COW CREEK TRIBAL POWWOW.** On the Rogue River. GOLD HILL, OR. 541-474-2690.
- JULY 17-19: **TAMKALIKS CELEBRATION.** Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center, Troy Road and E. 1st St. WALLOWA, OR. 541-886-3101. tamkaliks@gmail.com.
- JULY 17-19: **SEAFAIR INDIAN DAYS POWWOW.** Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center, Illinois Ave. & Kansas Ave. SEATTLE, WA. 206-282-4425. pnason@unitedindians.org.
- AUG. 1: **5TH ANNUAL LIVING WATERS POWWOW.** Aldersgate Conference Center, 7790 Marion Road S.E. TURNER, OR. 360-546-1867. office@wiconi.com.
- AUG. 7-9: **5TH NESIKA ILLAHEE POWWOW.** Pauline Ricks Memorial Powwow Grounds, Government Hill Parkway. SILETZ, OR. 800-922-1399, ext. 1230 or ext. 1757.

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 or write to Smoke Signals, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Men's Group starting

The Behavioral Health Department is starting a Men's Group, which will be open to members of all Tribes. Topics that will be covered include healthy relationships, communication skills, anger management, spirituality, emotional intelligence and how to live one's life from a place integrity and authenticity.

The Men's Group will meet every Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Behavioral Health Department at Health & Wellness. A certificate of completion will be awarded to men who have completed the training. Transportation may be available for those in need.

Contact Tom Bender with any questions at 503-879-2067. ■

2009 Tribal Marketplace dates

- July 3-5, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- July 10, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Elder Honor Day
- Aug. 7-9, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Aug. 14-16, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. — Powwow
- Sept. 4-6, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Oct. 2-4, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Nov. 6-8, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Dec. 4-6, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dates subject to change due to conflicting Tribal or SMC events. Located across from Cedar Plank Buffet. For more information, call Dakota Whitecloud at 503-879-4240.

Burial benefits reduction notice

Effective June 1, burial benefits for nonTribal members will decrease. Currently, the benefit available to all enrolled Tribal members and their immediate family members is \$5,500 to be paid directly to a funeral establishment of choice. There is also a \$300 reception benefit that is paid directly to a family member.

Regretfully, due to budgetary reasons, and with the best interest of the Tribe in mind, Tribal Council made a difficult decision to reduce the burial benefit for nonTribal members. This benefit will continue as is for Tribal members, but will decrease to \$2,500 for nonTribal members not including the \$300 reception benefit.

Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery plots are still available at no cost to Tribal members, their spouses and children. ■

Cultural Resources schedules classes

The Cultural Resources Department has scheduled classes in the Grand Ronde, Eugene and Portland offices during the upcoming months. Classes include:

• **Parfleche:** During the one-day class, students will make a parfleche bag out of rawhide and then paint it with natural pigments. Classes are 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, July 16 and 17, in Grand Ronde in Education Room 207, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, in the Portland satellite office, 3312 S.W. Kelly Ave., and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, in the Eugene satellite office, 711 Country Club Road, Suite 1A. All materials will be provided. A limit of 10 students per class.

• **Intermediate Twining Basketry:** Tribal Elder Sam Henny will be teaching an intermediate-level basketry class from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 11, in Grand Ronde in Education Room 207 and Saturday, July 18, in the Eugene satellite office. Attendees should bring a sack lunch and good scissors. A limit of 15 students per class.

• **Wing Dress:** A wing dress class will be held in all three offices from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays, July 19 and 26, in Grand Ronde, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays, July 6, 13, 20 and 27, at the Portland satellite office and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 2 and 9, at the Eugene satellite office. Students need to contact Misty Thorsgard for a supply list.

• **Eugene Wetlands:** The West Eugene Wetlands are within the homelands of the Kalapuya people and provide opportunities to learn about key traditional food resources, such as camas, other bulbs and onions, tarweed, hazelnuts, acorns, tulle and cattail. Classes will be held Thursdays, June 25, July 23, Aug. 13 and Sept. 24. Contact Greg Archuleta at 503-663-0927 or gregarchuleta@verizon.net for more information.

• **Gathering:** Archuleta also will be providing several gathering opportunities at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 23, in Eugene for juncus, tulle and cattail and 8 a.m. Saturday, July 18, in Portland for huckleberries. Contact Archuleta for more information.

For the other Cultural Resources classes, contact Thorsgard at 503-879-2320 or misty.thorsgard@grandronde.org.

United States
Census

Thursday, June 25
10 A.M. - 1 P.M.
Adult Education

If anyone knows of anyone Tribal or non Tribal interested in applying for the U.S. Census jobs this is your opportunity!

Sample tests are available to review before you submit an application and test on Friday. Please contact me for more information at 503-879-2112 or 503 434-3658 or by e-mail.

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