



2004 — Tribal member Perri McDaniel won second place in the Best Individual Native or Costume category at the Portland Rose Festival's Grand Floral Parade on June 12.

1999 — The Tribe signed an agreement with the U.S. Forest Service as a first step toward coordinating management of 6,600 acres of national forest lands within the reservation.

1994 — Congress passed the Indian Law Technical Corrections Act and President Bill Clinton signed it. The act allowed the Tribe to begin construction on its proposed multi-million dollar gaming facility along Highway 18.

1989 — Tribal member Stanford Kneeland thanked the Tribe and Tribal members for sponsoring his trip to Massachusetts to run in the prestigious Boston Marathon. He finished in two hours, 58 minutes and was 901st out of 6,800 runners.

1984 — The Tribe employed 11 summer youth workers through a contract with the Mid-Valley Jobs Council. The youth concentrated on three major work sites — the Tribal office, greenhouse and cemetery/Tribal grounds.

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

Elders' garden



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Elder Louise Medeiros plants flowers in a planter in front of the Elders' Activity Center on Monday, June 22. Gardening work was being done around the building by her and other Elders in preparation for Elder Honor Day on July 10.

Cultural Resources seeks plankhouse giveaway items

In anticipation of an early fall opening of the Grand Ronde plankhouse, the Tribe's Cultural Resources Department is seeking donations of giveaway items for the planned blessing ceremony.

Giveaway items can be about almost anything, including beads and blankets, but not alcohol or drugs.

The items are intended to recognize people from outside the Grand Ronde community who will come for the blessing ceremony.

"By having people from outside the community, they are helping to strengthen our house," said Tribal member and Cultural Resources Protection Coordinator Eirik Thorsgard.

Giveaway items can be dropped off at the Cultural Resources Department in Grand Ronde or at the Tribal satellite offices in Eugene and Portland.

For more information or to check on the appropriateness of possible giveaway items, call Angella McCallister at 503-879-2268, Thorsgard at 503-879-1630 or Language & Culture Specialist Bobby Mercier at 503-879-2076.

An article on proper plankhouse protocol written by Cultural Resources Department staff will appear in *Smoke Signals* closer to the blessing ceremony. ■

Father's Day event

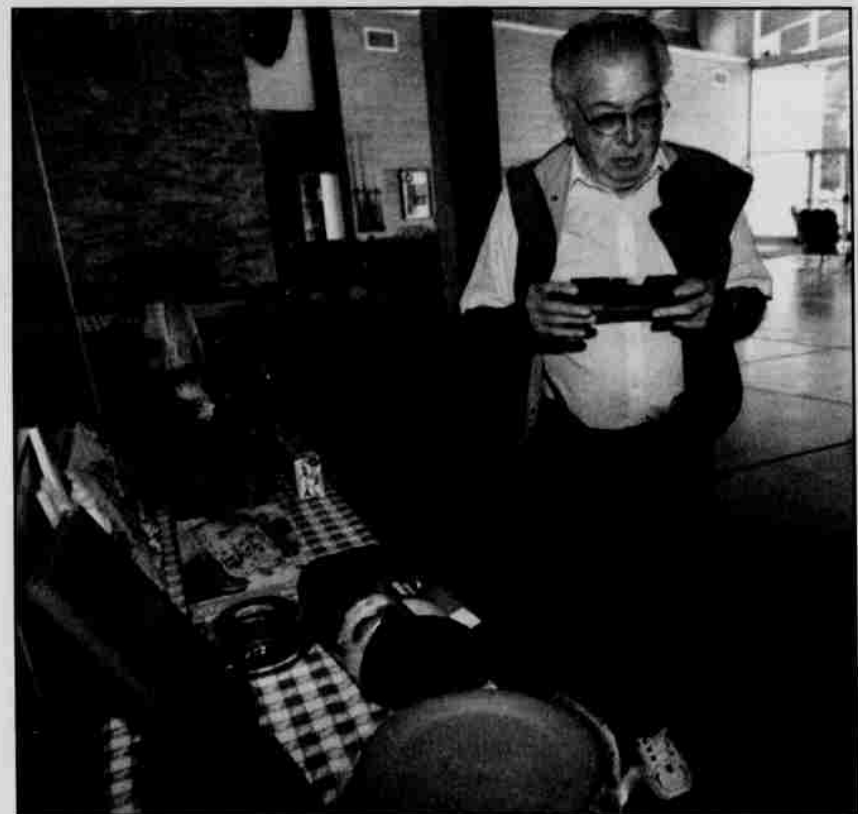


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Tribal Elder Herman Hudson Jr. checks out a pack of golf balls he chose from the gift table during the Father's Day event at the Elders' Activity Center on Friday, June 19.

Potlatch Fund seeking Native art applicants

The Potlatch Fund is seeking applicants for its 2009 Native Arts granting cycle to benefit Native arts and cultures in the Northwest.

Projects must be active during the granting period of October 2009 through September 2010. Grants will be awarded in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$5,000.

The Potlatch Fund awards grants to individual Native artists and to Native organizations for arts projects.

Eligible applicants must be Native Americans who live in Washington, Oregon, Idaho or Montana whose goals are consistent with those of the Potlatch Fund Native Arts Grants Program.

To apply, visit the Potlatch Fund Web site at potlatchfund.org to download an application. Applicants must submit one copy of a cover letter, proposal and all attachments on white 8.5-by-11-inch paper to Potlatch Fund, Attn: Lawrence Leake, 801 Second Ave., Suite 304, Seattle, Wash. 98104, and applications must be postmarked by Friday, July 17.

The Potlatch Fund does not accept handwritten, late, faxed or e-mailed proposals. ■

CULTURAL GATHERINGS

- JULY 3-5: **15TH ANNUAL WILDHORSE POWWOW.** Wildhorse Resort and Casino, 72777 Highway 331. **CAYUSE, OR.** 541-966-1529.
- JULY 10-12: **GRAND RONDE VETERANS' POWWOW.** Uyxat Powwow Grounds, 9390 Highway 22. **GRAND RONDE, OR.** 1-800-422-0232. www.grandronde.org.
- 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.
- JULY 24-26: **SOUTHERN OREGON UMPQUA FALLS COW CREEK TRIBAL POWWOW.** On the Rogue River. **GOLD HILL, OR.** 541-474-2690.
- AUG. 1: **5TH ANNUAL LIVING WATERS POWWOW.** Aldersgate Conference Center, 7790 Marion Road S.E. **TURNER, OR.** 360-546-1867. office@wiconl.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.
- AUG. 14-16: **GRAND RONDE COMPETITION POWWOW.** Uyxat Powwow Grounds, 9390 Highway 22. **GRAND RONDE, OR.** 1-800-422-0232. www.grandronde.org.
- AUG. 21-23: **KLAMATH TRIBES' 23RD ANNUAL RESTORATION POWWOW.** Chiloquin High School Football Field, E. Elm St. **CHILOQUIN, OR.** 541-783-3020, ext. 107.

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.