



2004 — Tribal member Jan Michael Reibach and his wife, Rhonda, renewed their wedding vows at the Tribal Community Center in Grand Ronde. He told the audience that he wanted to renew his vows in front of his family and friends so they could help the couple celebrate their life together. More than 100 people attended the ceremony and enjoyed the food, music and dancing.

1999 — Tribal Council member Leon Tom joined Tribal staff and members of the Tualatin Riverkeepers in naming a recently rediscovered 100-foot waterfall after 19th century Grand Ronde Chief Ki-a-kuts. The Wapato Lake, Tualatin Kalapuya leader signed the 1853 Willamette Valley treaty.

1994 — Cliff Adams, Tribal Natural Resources Division manager, reported that a volatile first quarter was starting to stabilize in the timber market. "This year's early market was up and down," he said. "Our first offering was too high and we didn't get a sale. Things are calming down and we shouldn't have any trouble with the next sale."

1989 — Cory Meneley, who was attending Willamina High School at the time, was hired by the Tribe as the first ever Youth Recreation Aide in the Alcohol and Drug Prevention and Education Department.

1984 — Toni Mercier, daughter of Lennis and Jayne Mercier, represented the Tribe at the Delta Park Powwow in Portland during Rose Festival and was first runner-up for Junior Miss Delta Park Princess. She also was first runner-up in ticket sales.

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

Chemeketa seeks CNA II students

Chemeketa Community College is currently looking for students 24 and younger to participate in a Certified Nursing Assistant II project being funded by youth stimulus dollars.

Students must be currently licensed as a Certified Nursing Assistant I. The training program will be held in McMinnville and is three weeks long.

The first two weeks are 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and the third week is only three days long, but students will work full eight-hour days in clinical. The training is scheduled to start Monday, July 20, and students must meet Workforce Integration Act income guidelines.

The training is paid in full and each student will receive \$600 to go through the program.

For more information, contact Holly Nelson, the college's Health Care Education Center coordinator, at 503-584-7542 or hhenry@chemeketa.edu. ■

CULTURAL GATHERINGS

- **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: KAT MORNING-FLOWERS' THIRD ANNUAL GATHERING.** 3844 Fisher Road, N.E. **SALEM, OR.** 503-999-5407.
- **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@wiconi.com.
- **AUG. 1: LAKOTA OYATE KI 25TH ANNUAL BIG YARD POWWOW.** O.S.P. Activities Section, 2605 State St. **SALEM, OR.** 503-378-2289 or Pancho.Tavera@doc.state.or.us. In order to be cleared to attend powwow, deadline is July 24.
- **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.
- **SEPT. 19-20: AGNESS ILLAHEE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE.** Foster Bar Campground and Boating Facility. **AGNESS, OR.** 541-439-4285 or belvabell@hotmail.com.

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.

Culture camp



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Above, Jayden Saldivas practices making rope out of cattail as, in the background, Tribal member Connie Graves helps other Culture Camp participants with the same thing, during an activity on Tuesday, July 7, of the Summer Culture Camp. Tribal member Jordan Reyes, front, uses rocks to crack open an acorn as Tribal member Moses Mercier works one out of its shell during Summer Culture Camp.



USDA food distribution

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's Social Services Department has been meeting with the USDA program from the Siletz Tribe.

In an attempt to provide better service and meet the specific individual needs of Tribal members, our department is asking if Tribal members have an interest in receiving USDA distribution of food here at a local distribution center in Grand Ronde.

We would like to know if there are enough Tribal members to measure the interest of delivery of USDA once each month.

Please contact our Social Services office if you feel you are eligible for the program and would utilize it here at Grand Ronde.

We will need your name and address to meet program guidelines. Please contact Social Services at 503-879-2034 or 1-800-242-8196. ■