



2005 — Gene, Patsy and Denver Pullin performed standards at the Tribal Elders' Christmas party. "Being a mother and working in bars prepares you for social work," Patsy said about her Tribal job as employment coordinator in the Social Services Department.

2000 — The Elder's Committee held a surprise recognition ceremony for Tribal Council Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison, who was recently named one of three Oregon Women of the Year by the Oregon Commission for Women. The Elders gave Harrison a bouquet of red roses and beaded necklace.

1995 — *Smoke Signals* editor Tracy Olson announced substantial changes to the Tribal newsletter, including a new publishing schedule of twice a month and the hiring of a part-time assistant. "The change will allow Tribal members to read more current news, updated job announcements and current activities the Tribe will be hosting," Olson said.

1990 — At the Jan. 10 Tribal Council meeting, Kathryn Harrison received permission to attend the Indian Health Promotion Conference being held in Phoenix, Ariz., in early February.

1985 — Tribal member Ron George was hired as a bookkeeper. A Vietnam veteran with 12 years of military service, George said he had a strong interest in Tribal operations. His office was located in the Depot.

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

Tribe to host Community Jobs Forum on Jan. 5

By Dean Rhodes
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The Grand Ronde Tribe will host a Community Jobs Forum from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, for greater Grand Ronde community members in the Tribal Education Building Room 126.

On Dec. 3, President Barack Obama hosted a discussion to explore avenues for job creation, and the White House is asking for input from across the country to identify opportunities and obstacles on the ground in the form of Community Jobs Forums.

The local forum will be part of the effort in asking Americans to take stock of what's working and what's not, along with other communities, and work it into an official report for President Obama at the end of the process in January.

Questions to be asked and discussed are:

1. From what you've seen, or seen reported about the President's Jobs Forum and the administration's approach to job creation overall, what seems relevant to our community?
2. What parts of our local economy are working or thriving? What businesses and sectors are expanding and hiring?
3. What parts of the local economy are not working or thriving? What businesses and sectors have been hit the hardest? What are people struggling with the most?
4. What are the opportunities for growth in our community? What businesses and sectors seem poised to rebound? What do you see as the "jobs of the future"?
5. What are the obstacles to job creation in our community? What could make local businesses more likely to start hiring?
6. What other issues should the president consider?

For more information, contact Tribal member and Tribal Director of Development Peter Wakeland at 503-879-2378. ■

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. ■

2010 Census jobs

Application and Testing

Date: Jan. 6 — 10 a.m.

Location: Adult Education Room 126

Contact Denise Harvey at 503-879-2112 or call the local Census office at 1-866-861-2010 to sign up for the application and testing on Jan. 6. Practice tests are available online at www.2010censusjobs.gov or contact Harvey to pick one up. Anyone that has taken the test before and would like to re-test is welcome to come and take the test again on Jan. 6.

Volunteers wanted

We are looking for volunteer produce pickers when the fields are ready. A portion of the produce picked goes to the Grand Ronde Community Resource Center in Grand Ronde. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Lynn House, Gleaners of Yamhill/Mac, at 503-376-9222. Your name will be placed on a call-list. ■

GRCRC board members wanted

The Grand Ronde Community Resource Center (GRCRC) board is looking for two volunteer board members and more volunteers to work at the GRCRC. Contact Patrice Qualman at 503-879-5731 or at grcrc@hotmail.com for an application. ■

CULTURAL GATHERINGS

- JAN. 23: **ANNUAL TRADITIONAL WINTER POWWOW.** Portland Community College, Sylvania Campus, 12000 S.W. 46th Ave. **PORTLAND, OR.** 503-977-4112.
- FEB. 6: **ELMIRA POWWOW.** 24936 N.E. Fir Grove Lane. **ELMIRA, OR.** 541-461-2882 or amerrill@lesd.k12.or.us.
- MAR. 6: **EVERGREEN & BATTLE GROUND SD'S TITLE VII POWWOW.** Covington Middle School, 11200 N.E. Rosewood Ave. **VANCOUVER, WA.**

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.

34 breeders are now active in Oregon

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In the self-contained community at Portland Meadows, nearly everybody, it seems, has grown up with the track, with horses or with horse people.

"There's Terry Detz," said Ursula Gibbons, former executive director of the Oregon Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association. "He grew up in the pink house down the block from here and he used to park cars when Bill Wineberg ran the track."

Eleven-year-old Trapper Stillwell, of Vancouver, was distributing Spirit Mountain blankets in the clubhouse before the races started. His father, Troy Stillwell, is a jockey who is second in winnings at the track and placed in two of four races during the day.

"My dad and Joe Crispin have the best shots," Trapper said, "depending on how they ride and the horses they ride."

Crispin, first in the jockey standings, rode in the money in three races during the day. Stillwell finished in the money in two, and took a spill in the eighth race when R.A. Laney's Gold stumbled after the start. Stillwell sat out the ninth,

but he was back up and in the money again on Tuesday.

William Lowe, a Ridgefield, Wash., breeder watching the horses in front of the winner's circle down by the track, said he came because this was "the biggest day for Oregon bred."

Among the vendors were Holly and Jim Witte, owners of A Blooming Hill Vineyard & Winery in Cornelius, but also breeders with 14 horses at their farm and one in training at the track.

"It's a great connection," Holly said of the Spirit Mountain sponsorship.

Some 34 breeders are now active in Oregon, with two — Bar C in Hermiston and Oakhurst Farms in Newberg — dominating the field.

In overcast and drizzly weather, the track conditions started the day fast and still were fast as announcer Jason Beem called the finish of the ninth race.

"Tequila Tipsi and Luis Torres power home to win the ninth race. AJ's Equus was second and Suzi's Success finished third to close out Oregon Championship Day."

Tequila Tipsi is Ron Sutton's horse. After the win, with the prize money punched up by Spirit Mountain, Sutton said, "It's not too often you run for \$10,000." ■