

CULTURAL GATHERINGS

- **APRIL 3: MULTICULTURAL STUDENT UNION'S 17TH ANNUAL POWWOW.** Western Oregon University, new Physical Education building, 345 N. Monmouth Ave. **MONMOUTH, OR.** 503-838-8403 or MSU@wou.edu.
- **JUNE 5-6: ANNUAL ROGUE VALLEY VETERANS POWWOW.** VA SORCC Baseball Field, 8495 Crater Lake Highway. **WHITE CITY, OR.** 541-840-0285 or maxinde@charter.net.
- **JUNE 18-20: 40TH ANNUAL CITY OF ROSES DELTA PARK POWWOW AND ENCAMPMENT.** East Delta Park, N. Whitaker Road & Union Ct. **PORTLAND, OR.** 503-380-6595 or www.bowandarowcc.org.

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.



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Mychal Leno, Tribal member and Player Services manager at Spirit Mountain Casino, uses the window across the aisle as a mirror as she puts her hair back during her ride to work on the Salem-Keizer Transit Cherriots Route 2X - Grand Ronde Express bus on Tuesday, March 23.

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Honestly, making the transition from my comfortable, private vehicle to the bus wasn't easy for me. However, a year later I've determined that it has been well worth it.

Monetarily, I went from spending \$400 a month in gas to a \$75 monthly bus pass, which is pre-tax. Well, you can do the math.

Over the course of a year, that's a lot of extra cash in my pocket, not to mention what I save on oil changes and general wear and tear on my vehicle. What I thought would be a major inconvenience has turned out to be just the opposite. I actually like riding the bus and even look forward to it.

Looking back, as a novice bus rider I had to figure out how I was going to make it work for me. You, too, will need to find your groove.

For the first three months, as my fellow bus riders will attest, I slept. To and from, there you'd find me, fast asleep. I must have needed it and, lucky for them, I did not snore.

My fellow bus-goers cracked up when I would show up with my tote bag in hand, carrying a multitude

of travel necessities, such as a mini-pillow and one of my kids' baby blankets to keep me snug.

I was not into being social that early in the morning. I normally put my head phones on even when the battery was dead to discourage a social butterfly from trying to converse with me.

After catching up on my sleep for the first three months, I started reading, but quickly realized that wasn't going to work. Sitting higher in the back of the bus alleviated the motion sickness and now I have found what works.

I use that precious time on the bus by getting ready for work. I put on my moisturizer, makeup, pull my hair back in a ponytail, put my jewelry on and the occasional scarf and before I know it, it's time to get off the bus and make the most of the work day.

Consider doing yourself a favor, not to mention your vehicle, the environment and your pocketbook. Step out of your comfort zone and on to the bus.

Like me, you may be pleasantly surprised and if I see you there, I promise to turn down my non-existent tunes to say, "Good morning and have a great day." ■



2005 — The Grand Ronde Tribal Council contributed \$1,000 to the Tribal Council of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians in Minnesota in the wake of a school shooting that ended with 10 people dead and many more injured. "When I saw it on TV, I was so shocked I had tears in my eyes," said Tribal Council member Valorie Sheker-Robertson.

2000 — After eight years on the job, Tribal member and *Smoke Signals* editor Tracy Dugan announced that she is leaving "to pursue some other things." "I want to thank you for the past eight years," she wrote. "I have enjoyed the chance to get to know fellow Tribal members and their families."

1995 — To make room for Spirit Mountain Resort on Highway 18, the Tribe's Natural Resources Division relocated to 47010 S.W. Hebo Road, on Highway 22.

1990 — Tribal Elder Dorothy McKnight Lawe was featured for celebrating her 70th birthday with family and friends on March 11.

1985 — It was announced that Roger Harrison won the Tribal logo contest and won the \$50 prize donation from Fred Cooper. "My interpretation of my logo is that Spirit Mountain has always been a symbol and a historic landmark for the Grand Rondes to me, and the five eagle feathers represent the five major remaining Tribes, the Calapooia, Rogue River, Umpqua, Chinook and Tillamook. My grandfather, Harry W. Jones, was a full blood Molel, a band of the Calapooias," Harrison wrote.

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

Trust fund training sessions scheduled

Frank Gallo of UBS Investment Consultants will present investment training sessions for Tribal parents and guardians of Tribal Rabbi Trust Funds and Minors' Custodial Trust Fund participants on April 5-6 at the following times and locations:

- 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 5, at the Eugene satellite office, 711 Country Club Road, Suite 1A.
- 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, at the Grand Ronde Education Building, Rooms 126 A-B, 9615 Grand Ronde Road.
- 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, at the Portland satellite office, 4445 S.W. Barbur Blvd.

For more information, contact Tribal Treasury Manager Rick Andersen at 503-879-1454 or rick.andersen@grandronde.org. ■

Attention All Tribal Artisans



The Grand Ronde Royalty Committee is seeking bids for beaded crowns for the 2010-11 Royalty Court.

Three Crowns are needed.

Crowns must be completed and delivered by July 1, 2010

Please submit your bid to Public Affairs, 9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Questions: call 503-879-1418