



2005 — Grand Ronde Tribal Council members Angie Blackwell, Reyn Leno and Jack Giffen Jr. traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with Oregon's congressional representatives to discuss the Tribe's opposition to a casino in the Columbia River Gorge.

2000 — Tribal members were encouraged to vote in the upcoming national election, which pitted Vice President Al Gore vs. Texas Gov. George W. Bush. Bush opposed Tribal sovereignty and said he thinks Tribes should be controlled by local and state governments, while Gore favored Tribes retaining their current level of sovereignty.

1995 — People seeking jobs at Spirit Mountain Casino exceeded 3,000, forcing the new casino's Human Resources staff to work overtime to alleviate delays. The casino temporarily suspended accepting new applications until it had responded to those already on file.

1990 — Tribal member Felicia Lewis received honors at the Jackson County Fair in Medford. She received champion awards for Western Equitation and Showmanship and Grand Champion honors for High Point. She was pictured with her horse, Shadow.

1985 — The Tribal Health Department hired Carol Terp as the new community health nurse.

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

Restoration Committee seeks Walking On photos

The Tribe's 27th Restoration Celebration Committee is seeking photos of Tribal members, family members and community members who have walked on since the last Restoration celebration on Nov. 22, 2009.

The photos will be used for a commemorative slideshow to be shown during the 27th Restoration Celebration on Monday, Nov. 22, in the Tribal gymnasium.

Please submit photos to news@grandronde.org or call the Tribe's Publications Department at 503-879-1463 for more information. Please include full name of the person who has walked on, as well as date of birth and death.

Deadline to submit photos for inclusion in the slideshow is 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15. ■

Restoration group seeks vendors, drums

The Tribe's 27th Restoration Celebration Committee is seeking vendors for this year's event on Monday, Nov. 22, in the Tribal gymnasium.

Vendors will be needed from noon to 9 p.m. and be located in the Tribal Education Building. Space is limited. Deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8.

In addition, drum groups are being sought for the Restoration Powwow. Deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12.

Submit your name as a vendor or drum group and contact information to publicaffairs@grandronde.org or call the Tribe's Public Affairs Office at 503-879-1418. ■

Saddle Club open

The Grand Ronde Saddle Club is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday near the old Grand Ronde Food Bank off Grand Ronde Road.

The club is closed on Thursday and Sunday.

Everyone is invited to visit the horses and take a ride.

For more information, contact Tribal member Clint Folden at 503-559-1977. ■

Roll 'em: GRTHA schedules Movie Night

The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority will hold its first free Movie Night from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, in the Tribal gymnasium.

The movie to be shown has not yet been determined, but will be a new release on DVD.

Children 12 and younger must be accompanied by someone 16 or older who will supervise and be responsible for the younger attendee's behavior.

For more information, call the Housing Authority at 503-879-1643. ■

Open house



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Education Division held its annual open house on Wednesday, Oct. 6. In addition to showcasing the outstanding programs and services, this year the division added a special segment to the agenda. The staff presented more than 50 awards to internal and external partners, recognizing their unique value in strengthening their programs. A couple of those partners included Tribal Council and Chemeketa Community College. Above, Tribal descendant Tara Thorsgard waits to have her bingo card stamped by Library Aide and Tribal member Brain Glass. Everyone who attended received a bingo card that was stamped as they visited the different areas of Education. Once everything was stamped, the card could be turned in for a prize.



Teaya Leno, Education Division bus monitor/program assistant, dishes pieces of cake during the Education Division Open House. The Education staff served a barbecue dinner.

College hosting Storytelling Festival

The Northwest Indian Storytelling Festival, which is celebrating its fifth season of Tribal storytelling in the Pacific Northwest, will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12-13, at Agnes Flanagan Chapel at Lewis and Clark College, 0615 S.W. Palatine Hill Road, Portland.

The festival features some of the region's finest traditional and contemporary Tribal storytellers, plus guest storytellers from Tribes in California and Alaska. Events will include Tribal drumming and singing, and opening prayers by spiritual Elders.

A silent charity auction will be held to benefit the Northwest Indian Storytellers Association.

This year's festival theme is Canoe Journey. Traditional canoe stories by Tribal storytellers from Washington, Oregon, California and Alaska will be featured, as well as a presentation by the Grand Ronde/Chinook Canoe Family.

For more information on the festival and emerging storytellers workshop for Tribal community members, contact Emily Olson at emily@wisdomoftheelders.org or call 503-775-4014. ■