



**2006** — The 72-unit low-income/market rate housing project, which started construction in June 2005, was nearing completion. Fifty-four of the units were slated for low-income renters and 18 were set aside to house families at market rates. Some of the homes were scheduled to be ready for occupancy in June.

**2001** — Almost half — 1,093 — of the Tribe's membership responded to a Social & Economic Assessment Survey. The information collected will be used to benefit the Tribe.

**1996** — The Tribe purchased 12 acres adjacent to Spirit Mountain Casino on which a small stand known as The Strawberry Patch sold produce and other goods for many years. Tribal Chairman Mark Mercier dispelled rumors that the Tribe paid \$1 million for the property. "The actual final negotiated price was far below this amount," he wrote.

**1991** — Tribal member Todd Dean Galindo, 20, of Yakima, Wash., was in the Persian Gulf as part of the effort to drive Iraqi forces out of Kuwait. Galindo's tank unit was stationed in Saudi Arabia, about 19 miles from the Kuwaiti border.

**1986** — Tribal Chairman Mark Mercier reported that the Reservation Plan document was finalized and submitted to the U.S. Department of Interior on Nov. 22, 1985. "Even though the plan is submitted, we have found that a great deal of continued work remains to be done before a bill is submitted to Congress," Mercier wrote. Tribal members were encouraged to write letters of support to Oregon Senators Mark Hatfield and Bob Packwood and Rep. Les Aucoin.

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

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## About 500 Tribal members live in the Eugene area

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counseling, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon. Tribal member Tammy Bovee teaches this class.

Along with many classes, McDaniel said, is the opportunity to learn Chinuk wawa, as many of the classes immerse themselves in the Native language during class.

As part of an effort to meet the needs of Tribal members in the Eugene area, McDaniel plans an outreach effort to learn what else the Tribe can offer in the area. For the almost 500 Tribal members living in the Eugene area, McDaniel is asking that they note and fill out the survey included in this issue.

Also, in an effort to get acquainted with the Tribal membership in the area, McDaniel said she is willing to make home visits and assist Tribal members in completing the survey and to accommodate those who cannot visit the satellite office.

McDaniel has been a longtime employee of the Tribe and Spirit

Mountain Casino. In 1997, she started as a business development specialist with the Tribe. In 2000, she was named a cultural protection specialist. In 2004-05, she worked part-time on special projects for the Planning and Grants Development Department while working full-time on her Master of Public Administration degree. And in 2006, she became a transportation coordinator and then a buyer for the casino.

Hours for the Eugene office, located at 711 Country Club Road, Suite 1A, are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays, 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and until she is able to secure an assistant, the office will be closed on Fridays.

For other information, contact McDaniel at 541-484-7085 or by e-mail at [Perri.mcdaniel@grandronde.org](mailto:Perri.mcdaniel@grandronde.org)

Tribal Council will meet again this spring in Eugene, though the date has not yet been set.

"I want to get area Tribal members knowing that the office is going again," she said. ■

## 'Employment 101' set for Feb. 23

An "Employment 101" event will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, in the Tribal Adult Education building.

Those attending will go through mock interviews and learn resume building, life skills on balancing work and home responsibilities, planning for the future and specific training for state Department of Transportation jobs.

For more information, contact 477 Employment and Training & Vocational Rehabilitation Supervisor Leslie Riggs at [leslie.riggs@grandronde.org](mailto:leslie.riggs@grandronde.org) or 503-879-4353. ■

## CULTURAL GATHERINGS

- FEB. 5: **27TH ANNUAL ELMIRA POWWOW.** Elmira High School, 24936 Fir Grove Lane. **ELMIRA, OR.** Vendors: [amerrill@lesd.k12.or.us](mailto:amerrill@lesd.k12.or.us) or 541-461-8228.
- FEB. 11-13: **LINCOLN'S POWWOW.** Simnasho Longhouse, BIA Road 3 & Simnasho Road. **SIMNASHO, OR.**
- MAR. 5: **EVERGREEN & BATTLE GROUND TITLE VVI 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](mailto:news@grandronde.org) or write to Smoke Signals, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.*

## Enrollment Committee seeks alternates

The Tribe's Enrollment Committee is seeking two Tribal members who would like to serve as alternates.

Those interested can pick up an application at the Tribal Governance Center. Closing date to apply is March 1.

For more information, call Tribal Elder Louise Medeiros at 503-879-4312. ■

## Chinuk wawa classes offered

The Tribal Cultural Education Department offers adult Chinuk wawa language classes from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday in Room 207 of the Tribal Education Building.

Language classes can be taken for college credit or for fun.

For more information, contact Kathy Cole at 503-879-2249 or 503-437-4599. ■

## Wellness Program meets

The Eugene Tribal Wellness Program meets at 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

All fitness levels are welcome. The program covers strength, cardio and stretching, and discusses strategies for healthy living at home.

The program is free to Tribal members and their spouses.

For more information, call the Eugene satellite office at 541-484-7085. ■

NW Native Club Member Meeting  
 When: Tuesdays and Thursdays  
 Time: 1 - 2 pm  
 Where: Clubs Workroom Bldg. 2/178  
 Chemeketa Community College  
 For more information please contact  
 Jeremy Bailey, Club President at  
 503-879-4353 or [jbailey@chemeketa.edu](mailto:jbailey@chemeketa.edu)  
 Or Club VP Patrick Frank at  
 503-879-4353 or [pfrank@chemeketa.edu](mailto:pfrank@chemeketa.edu)