



2006 — The statue of Martha Jane Sands was moved from the main casino entrance to the Legends' lobby. Tribal members Bobby Mercier, Mike Cook and Ryan Korn and Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr. helped to successfully relocate the statue. It was moved due to the high number of customers who congest the front lobby daily.

2001 — Former Dallas Cowboy Ed "Too Tall" Jones spent Super Bowl Sunday signing autographs at Spirit Mountain Casino as the Baltimore Ravens played the N.Y. Giants. The Ravens won.

1996 — Tribal Council established a burial fund to cover expenses at the time of loss of a loved one. The burial fund at the time paid up to \$3,000 directly to the funeral establishment, reported Enrollment Director Margo Mercier.

1991 — After spending six years working for Cooper Consulting Inc. in Portland, Tribal member John Mercier returned home. In November 1990, he was hired by the Tribe as the Tribal Planner.

1986 — The Tribe was in the process of negotiating contracts with Indian Health Service for the fiscal year. Between the Community Health Nurse Program and Contract Health portion of Indian Health Service, the Tribe was expecting almost \$500,000 in funding.

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

CULTURAL GATHERINGS

- FEB. 17-19: **73RD ANNUAL WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.** Toppenish Longhouse, 240 Robbins Road. **TOPPENISH, WA.** 509-314-0925.
- FEB. 26: **CHEMAWA BIRTHDAY POWWOW.** Chemawa Indian School, 3700 Chemawa Road, N.E. **SALEM, OR.**
- MARCH 5: **EVERGREEN & BATTLE GROUND TITLE VVI POWWOW.** Covington Middle School, 11200 N.E. Rosewood Ave. **VANCOUVER, WA.**
- MARCH 12: **9TH ANNUAL SOCIAL POWWOW.** Sparks Athletic Center, Cone Field House. **SALEM, OR.** 503-370-6265.
- JULY 8-10: **VETERANS POWWOW.** Uyxat Powwow Grounds, off Hebo Road near Fort Yamhill State Park. **GRAND RONDE, OR.** 503-883-3610 or chris.tinney@grandronde.org.
- JULY 22-24: **21ST ANNUAL TAMKALIKS CELEBRATION.** Nez Perce Homeland Site, 70956 Whiskey Creek Road. **WALLOWA, OR.** 541-886-3101 or tamkaliks@gmail.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.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council has adopted a Worker's Compensation Ordinance, under the emergency adoption procedures of the Government and Procedures Ordinance. The Ordinance became effective on January 1, 2011. The purpose of the Ordinance is to authorize a system under Tribal law for providing certain wage replacement, impairment, medical and other benefits to covered workers who have been injured or suffered an occupational disease arising out of and during the course and scope of their employment with the Tribe or a Tribal corporation. Among other things the Ordinance:

- Provides that Tribal, not State, law governs the rights of injured workers of the Tribe and any Tribal corporation;
- Provides the exclusive remedy for covered employees injured in the course and scope of their employment with the Tribe or a Tribal Corporation;
- Provides that on-the-job injuries be reported within 48 hours of the incident.

For a copy of the Worker's Compensation Ordinance, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. The Tribal Council invites comment on the newly adopted Ordinance. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1, 2011.

By the book



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Madison Ross, 8, rests her head on her mother Sarah Ross' shoulder as they follow along while "Monday with a Mad Genius" is read aloud by Youth Education's Elementary Lead Matt Bucknell during Grand Ronde Youth Education's K5 Literacy Night at the Adult Education Building on Wednesday, Feb. 2. In addition to reading from the book, which was handed out at the event and children were able to keep, the night included art activities and dinner. Both Madison and Sarah Ross are Tribal members.

Spring sweat scheduled

A Spring Equinox Sweat will be held at noon Sunday, March 20, at the Willamina home of Kathy and Don Provost.


The Provosts also continue to seek sweat lodge cover donations.

For more information, contact Kathy Provost at 503-857-8440. ■

Elders' Card Party seeks players


The Elder's Card Party is seeking Tribal Elders interested in playing pinochle. Games will be played from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 10 and 24. For more information, contact Elder Activity Assistant Daniel Ham at 503-879-2233. ■

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