

## Elders' garage sale seeking donations

Tribal Elders are regularly seeking donations of items for their fund-raising garage sales.

To donate an item or items, call Tribal Elder Linda Brandon at 971-267-0918. ■



**2006** — The Tribe participated in a ceremony at the McCormick and Baxter Superfund site in Portland Harbor to commemorate the planting of more than 10,000 native trees and shrubs. Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy told those in attendance that the Grand Ronde Tribe was "astonished to what degree contamination affected the lands and peoples that lived here." The site was the former home of a creosote company that operated from the 1940s until 1991.

**2001** — *Smoke Signals* debuted online thanks to Tribal member Willie Mercier of the Tribe's Office of Information Systems. "The possibilities with technology are endless from here on out," Mercier said. "Look for new changes to the homepage all the time."

**1996** — Preschoolers from Grand Ronde were on "The Ramblin' Rod Cartoon Show," which aired out of Portland on Feb. 17. Meanwhile, Tribal member Lon Mercier received national recognition as the artist responsible for the graphite drawing from which Rip Caswell sculpted the bronze statue of Martha Jane Sands and Gertrude Mercier at Spirit Mountain Casino.

**1991** — Tribal member Shonn Leno defeated Ryan Henry 2-0 in the State 2A Wrestling Championship at Western Oregon College in Monmouth. Leno was a sophomore at Willamina High School and won the 106-pound title.

**1986** — Ed Larsen at Spirit Mountain Store at Agency started selling jackets, hats and T-shirts adorned with the Grand Ronde Tribal logo. The store was at the intersection of state Highway 22 and Agency Creek Road. Tribal Council thanked Larsen for his cooperation in selling the items.

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

## CULTURAL GATHERINGS

■ MARCH 12: **9TH ANNUAL SOCIAL POWWOW.** Sparks Athletic Center, Cone Field House. **SALEM, OR.** 503-370-6265.

■ MARCH 12: **22ND ANNUAL "RETURN OF C'WAAM CEREMONY."** Chiloquin High School. **CHILOQUIN, OR.** 1-800-524-9787, ext. 159 or ext. 147.

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.

## Summit meeting

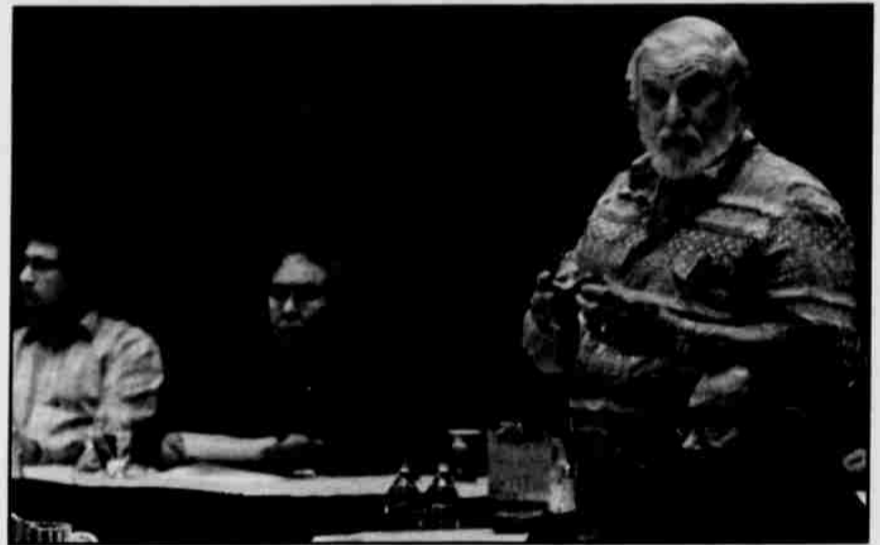


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**Tribal Elder Harold Lyon asks Tribal Council Vice Chair Reyn Leno a question during the annual Committee/Special Event Board member summit at Spirit Mountain Casino on Wednesday, Feb. 9. Lyon is the chairman of both the Fish & Wildlife Committee and Rodeo Special Event Board.**

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's Youth Prevention Program Presents...

# 9th ANNUAL WELLNESS DAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2011 • 1 - 7 P.M. • SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO

This year's keynote speaker Jason "Smoke" Nichols (Nakota-Chippewa Cree) is a multiple award winning motivational speaker, chart topping recording artist, successful business owner.

Melissa "MiMi" Nichols - Recording Artist & Motivational Speaker Female recording artist and business owner, MiMi has taken her creative genius to the classroom and introduced a remarkable new program designed to empower and educate our young ladies.

### Workshops

"Hey Ladies" is a workshop that focuses on teen pregnancy, identity and self respect.

Texting and Surfing 4 Health - Stephanie Craig Rushing (media bullying sexual health)

THRIVE: Break the Silence - Colbie (Van Eynde) Caughlan (Suicide prevention)

Round Dance Protocol

Your youth prevention program is available at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) or by calling 503-879-1489.

If you have any further questions or would like us to mail you a permission slip for your youth, please feel free to contact us at [lisa.leno@grandronde.org](mailto:lisa.leno@grandronde.org) or 503-879-1471 or [shannon.stanton@grandronde.org](mailto:shannon.stanton@grandronde.org) or 503-879-1489

**Thank you for respecting Grand Ronde Community & culture by not displaying Gang Affiliation and by not bringing Drugs, Alcohol or weapons to this event.**