



**2006** — Tribal Information Day held in Salem focused on Tribal culture and natural resources. Tribal Tourism Coordinator Elaine LaBonte said the important message the Tribe delivered at the event was, "We do still practice what we did before." The event also marked the 10th anniversary of government-to-government relations between Oregon's nine Tribes and the state.

**2001** — The Tribal campus was continuing to grow. A groundbreaking event was held for the planned education complex in Grand Ronde while, simultaneously, work was occurring on a new rodeo grounds. The 140-by-250-foot competition size rodeo grounds will feature two camping areas — one for spectators and one for contestants, and bleachers to seat the expected crowd.

**1996** — Gov. John Kitzhaber signed an executive order on State-Tribal Government-to-Government relations on May 22 during a special signing ceremony attended by all nine Oregon Tribes. "Our Tribe takes government-to-government relationships seriously," said Grand Ronde Chairman Mark Mercier. "I hope this will be the starting block of an effort between all of us."

**1991** — Tribal Chairman Mark Mercier and 1991 Junior Miss Grand Ronde Tara Leno presented Willamina Elementary School Principal Joan Rivenbark with a \$1,500 check on behalf of the Tribal Council to help purchase computer equipment for the school.

**1986** — Tribal Powwow Committee co-chairs Val Grout and Greg Archuleta reported that the theme of this year's powwow is Chogoo Kilipie, or "Come Home." Grout and Archuleta were appealing to the Tribal membership to donate \$1 each to help pay for the powwow feast.

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

## Columbus State honors Tribal member

Tribal member Holly Partridge, 31, of Astoria was named Columbus State University's top Political Science student for 2010-11.

The award was presented during the university's recent Scholastic Honors Convocation. She is a senior and the daughter of Tribal member Wesley and Ronda Shaw, also of Astoria.

Columbus State is about 100 miles southwest of Atlanta, Ga., and has more than 8,200 students attending in a wide variety of degree programs. ■

## 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 Chinuk Wawa teacher Kathy Cole at 503-879-2249 or 503-437-4599. ■

## Grand Ronde Avenue of Flags

The Grand Ronde Avenue of Flags is an opportunity to honor the Tribal veterans in your family.

A donation of \$100 will go toward the purchase of an American flag. A rawhide feather, with the name of your veteran, will be attached to the flag.

The flags will be proudly displayed on Veterans Day and Memorial Day and at the Marcellus "Marce" Norwest Veterans Powwow each year. It is an opportunity to honor your family veteran.

To purchase a flag and feather please complete the application form and submit it, with your check, to the CTGR Public Affairs Dept. Please make checks payable to CTGR Avenue of Flags Project.

Name of Tribal Veteran: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Branch of the Service and Date of Service \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your contact information: (For office use only)  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Chemeketa gathering



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Grand Ronde Canoe Family members, from left, Bobby Mercier, Joel Selwyn and Gregg Leno sing and drum during the Northwest Natives Club Intertribal Spring Gathering at Chemeketa Community College in Salem on Thursday, May 19. The gathering was a cultural awareness event that included drumming, singing, hoop dancing, vendors and food. The Northwest Natives Club is a club at the college and Tribal member Jeremy Bailey, who is a student at the college, is its president.

## Two training sessions set for June 16-17

Youth Prevention and Behavioral Health will be presenting two Michael Nerney training sessions on Thursday and Friday, June 16-17, in the Tribal Community Center.

Between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nerney will present "Gender Differences in Communication." Lunch will be provided.

And from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Nerney will present "Kids in a Candy Store." Lunch will be provided.

Everyone is invited to attend the trainings. RSVP no later than Friday, June 10, to Shannon Stanton at 503-879-1489 or shannon.stanton@grandronde.org. ■

## Elder's bingo changes days

Bingo at the Elders' Activity Center is held on the second and fourth Fridays of the month.

A potluck dinner starts at 6 p.m. and bingo starts at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Elder Activity Assistant Daniel Ham at 503-879-2233. ■

## Grand Ronde Dental Clinic

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Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri

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Thursday 9:30 A.M. - 5 P.M.

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