



**2006** — Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy attended the longhouse groundbreaking at Lane Community College in Eugene. The projected construction cost of 1.1 million was mostly paid for with only \$300,000 remaining in the fundraising campaign.

**2001** — Spirit Mountain Casino was undergoing more expansion. This time around, a 5,200-square-foot non-smoking section was being added. The new space will provide room for an additional 200 slot machines when completed.

**1996** — In an effort to increase the number of Tribal members employed at Spirit Mountain Casino, the Human Resources Department was looking for a new employee who will dedicate all of his or her time to the Tribal hiring goal. "The new HR representative will take a hard look at finding the right job for every Tribal member who wants one and to work with Tribal programs to ensure Tribal members receive the skill training necessary to find that right job," said Human Resources Director Kit Devine.

**1991** — Grand Ronde's veterans group held several meetings and expressed an interest in becoming involved in the Northwest Indian Veterans Association, which serves as the Veterans' Committee of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and is made up of Northwest Tribal veterans' organizations.

**1986** — Tribal Chairman Mark Mercier reported that Congressman Les AuCoin said that he would not be able to introduce legislation this year for the formation of a Grand Ronde Reservation. However, Mercier also reported that local timber companies' main concern about a new Tribal reservation was the export log market. "So, in the future, the Tribal Council will continue to negotiate with the local timber companies," he said.

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

## Recycle Center moved

The Recycle Center has been moved temporarily to 9675 Grand Ronde Road. For more information, contact Tribal Facilities Manager Michael J. Larsen at 503-879-2407. ■

## Cutting the ribbon



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

**Junior Miss Grand Ronde Makenzie Aaron and her sister, Grand Ronde Princess Madison Aaron, left, help cut the ribbon during the ribbon cutting ceremony for the first cabin of the Oregon Youth Village at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem on Friday, June 24. The Grand Ronde Canoe Family attended the event to sing and drum and Tribal member Bobby Mercier, Tribal Language & Culture specialist, gave a brief talk about the significance of the white oak to Native Americans who first inhabited the area. Also in attendance was Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, who said a few words and participated in the ribbon cutting, Tribal Council Secretary Kathleen Tom, who also took part in the ribbon cutting, and Tribal Council members Toby McClary, Chris Mercier and Wink Soderberg.**

## Family fun



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

**Tribal member Trinity Sherwood, 10, takes a spin on the human gyroscope during the seventh annual Family Night Out on the Tribal campus on Thursday, June 16.**



**Tribal member Alisha Cureton, 10, tosses a rope circle hoping to get it around one of the pencil tips while playing the "On Point" game during the seventh annual Family Night Out on the Tribal campus on Thursday, June 16.**

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