



2006 – *Nysayka Ikanum* — *Our Story*, an ongoing virtual experience of the Tribe's Cultural Resources Department debuted online on the Tribe's Web site. Created by Portland-based ISITE Design, sections cover the Tribe's past, present and future with hundreds of Web pages. "Nothing will ever be taken down," said then-Cultural Collections Coordinator Lindy Trolan. "It will only be added to."

2001 — Tribal members Cristina Lara and Teresa Henry, two Willamina High School seniors, were the first to work as interns at the American Museum of Natural History. The internships evolved following the Tribe's legal negotiations with the museum for ownership of the Tomanowos, the Willamette Meteorite.

1996 — Groundbreaking for the Grand Ronde Health and Wellness Center occurred on the cusp of powwow weekend. Human Resources Division Manager Cheryl A. Kennedy broke ground on the site with a backhoe.

1991 — The seventh annual Contest Powwow was held, drawing approximately 5,000 people. The annual Royalty Pageant crowned Deana Gardner as 1991-92 Miss Grand Ronde and Courtney Galligher as 1991-92 Junior Miss Grand Ronde.

1986 — The Tribe held its second annual Contest Powwow, which attracted more than 450 people for dinner. In addition, it was announced that Tribal Council is beginning to cautiously develop a Tribal Court system for fiscal year 1987.

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. ■

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Chemawa on list of Indian schools EPA says need to be cleaned up

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Chemawa Indian School in Salem was one of more than 160 government-operated Tribal schools that the Environmental Protection Agency has told the Bureau of Indian Affairs to clean up.

EPA inspections of the Tribal schools, which teach more than 40,000 students, between 2005 and 2008 found violations of seven environmental laws, including the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act and the Toxic Substances Control Act.

Many schools, according to the EPA, simply were not keeping up with monitoring requirements for asbestos contamination and water quality. Others did not dispose of waste properly and a few Tribal schools registered unsafe levels of bacteria, arsenic and even uranium in the water.

According to the compliance agreement between the two federal agencies, Chemawa Indian School was in violation of the Toxic Substances Control Act by not properly marking a PCB storage area and items and failing to properly dispose of PCB bulk product waste. The school also failed to notify the EPA before starting PCB waste-handling activities.

Under the settlement, the Bureau

of Indian Affairs will correct all violations at the 72 schools and 27 water systems found to be deficient, and set up a monitoring system to keep tabs on conditions. The agreement includes a \$235,000 civil penalty, which will be used to clean up asbestos.

The settlement affects 60 Tribes that have Tribal schools or public water systems on or near their Tribal lands.

"Children are more vulnerable to environmental exposures than adults, which is why ensuring that schools provide safe, healthy living environments for our children, particularly in Tribal communities, is a top priority for EPA," said Cynthia Giles, assistant administrator of the EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

"Today's landmark settlement will help strengthen public health and environmental protection in Indian Country and will improve environmental management practices at federally managed Tribal schools."

Other Northwest Tribal schools affected by the settlement include the Coeur d'Alene Tribal School and Shoshone Bannock School in Idaho and the Muckleshoot, Yakama and Quileute Tribal schools in Washington state. ■

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Changes to Social Services Emergency Assistance and Medical Gas Voucher Program

For all income criteria programs, wage verification for past 60 days (wage stubs) will need to be submitted. If client has not worked for a period of time, client will need to submit a printout from their State Employment Office or printout from Oregon Self Sufficiency Office as verification of income. Rental/deposit or utility assistance may be utilized only one time in a 24-month rolling calendar period and is not to exceed the maximum contribution of \$1,000 per household within any 24-month rolling calendar period.

Medical Gas Vouchers

Social Services will not provide gas vouchers for medical appointments, counseling or drug & alcohol treatment. The only exception to this is for scheduled treatment plans, (i.e.: radiation, chemotherapy, surgery, etc.) and has caused hardship on the family, medical gas vouchers can be distributed to meet the need of the circumstances. A copy of all scheduled treatment plans must be received before client is eligible to receive this service. Assistance will end on the date of the last treatment appointment.

For a complete copy of policy or questions, please contact Tammy C. Garrison at 503-879-2077. ■

Attention Parents and primary caregivers of Grand Ronde children with disabilities, special needs, or extra challenges:

We are creating a support group for parents and caregivers of Grand Ronde children with special needs. We will first begin an e-mail and telephone contact list and later we will be coordinating meetings with the group.

If your child, grandchild, foster child, etc. has extra challenges (medically, emotionally, or developmentally) and you would like to collaborate and share resources with other parents, please send your contact information in an e-mail to: lewis.dm@comcast.net or call us at 503-566-3093.

Thank you,

David (2741) and Donna Lewis
parents to Saghaley (5132) and Inatye (5323)



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Basket weaving
with Connie Graves

Where: Elders' Activity Center
When: Every Tuesday
Time: 12:30 P.M.

We will be having a basket weaving class every Tuesday that is open to the public. If you have any questions, contact Brian Krehbiel at 503-879-4639

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