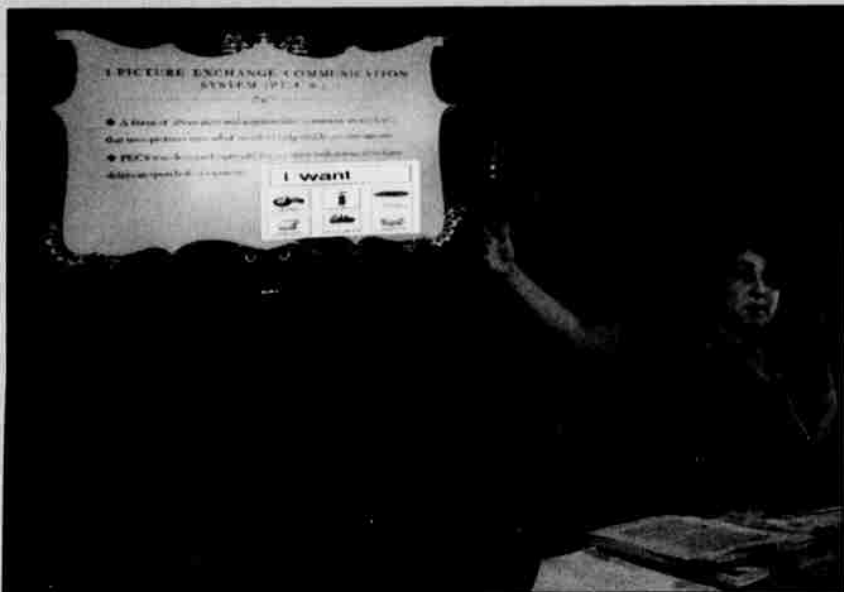


Portland open house



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Elder Jolene Bean looks at historic Tribal photographs on a wall at the Tribe's Portland Area Office with Chris Garcia, employment and training specialist for the Tribe at the Portland office, during the annual Vocational Rehabilitation Program open house in Wednesday, Sept. 7.



Tribal member Jenny Sanchez talks about a picture exchange communication system, which is used to help autistic children communicate, as she gives a workshop on autism during the Tribe's Portland office annual Vocational Rehabilitation Program open house on Wednesday, Sept. 7. Sanchez's son, Tribal member Noey Sanchez, 7, is autistic and she wanted to educate people on the developmental disorder.



2006 — Spirit Mountain Casino opened The Peak, which was a \$17 million redesign of the facility's former bingo hall. With the opening of The Peak, the room now holds 242 of the 500 new slot machines agreed to in a Tribal-State Compact renegotiation completed in March. In addition, Cheryle A. Kennedy, Jack Giffen Jr. and Valorie Sheker were elected to Tribal Council by large margins over the other six candidates who ran.

2001 — Spirit Mountain Development Corp. was gathering Sabre-Tool units to send to New York City to help in rescue efforts at the World Trade Center, which was brought to the ground in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. The Sabre-Tool is a smaller, hand-held "jaws of life"-type device that can be used to lift collapsed debris or cut through twisted or compressed metal.

1996 — Reyn Leno, Leon "Chip" Tom and Mark Mercier were elected to Tribal Council during the Sept. 7 election, which saw 767 ballots cast.

1991 — Ray McKnight, Candy Robertson and Merle Holmes were elected to Tribal Council during the Sept. 7 election. Holmes was elected as a write-in candidate with 72 votes and McKnight was the top vote-getter with 118.

1986 — Tribal Chairman Mark Mercier reported that the Tribe had been awarded a contract extension on its Reservation Plan and that Merle Holmes, Kathryn Harrison and himself were scheduled to meet with the Yamhill County Sportsman's Association on Sept. 29 to update the group on the progress of the Reservation Plan and Hunting and Fishing Agreement.

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

Fire damages restroom, gift shop at Spirit Mountain

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

An early morning fire on Monday, Sept. 12 in a restroom located next to a gift store at Spirit Mountain Lodge damaged the restroom and gift store.

The fire apparently started on the floor of the restroom about 6 a.m. and caused mostly smoke damage to the gift store, said Tribal Public Affairs Director Siobhan Taylor. Merchandise in the gift store also may be damaged.

Spirit Mountain Casino Director of Security Joann Mercier said the wall of the bathroom was gutted to ensure the fire had been completely extinguished.

As a precaution, guests on the first two floors of Spirit Mountain Lodge were moved out of their rooms because of smoke and any guests who complained about the smoke had their rooms paid for, Taylor said.

Mercier said fans were put up in the lobby and gift shop to help eliminate smoke from the building.

Personnel from West Valley Fire District station in Grand Ronde responded to the fire.

Mercier added that the State Fire Marshal was on scene, investigating the cause of the fire.

Mercier said she was unsure how many lodge guests were evacuated and did not have a monetary estimate for the damages. ■

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

2011 Annual Education Division Open House

OPEN HOUSE!

Wednesday

Oct. 5

5:30-7:30 p.m.

An opportunity to visit:

Head Start/Preschool

Youth Education-K-12

Kindergarten/ Chinuk

Wawa Language

Immersion Program

Adult Education

Programs

Tribal Library

Join us for a free BBQ dinner and great conversation in the Tribal Gym at 5:30 p.m.

Prizes and a BIG book giveaway!!!

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All are welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult.

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OSU nutrition class

Tribal members who want to stretch their food budget and learn how to purchase more nutritious foods for less money can register for an Oregon State University Extension Service nutrition class being offered at the Eugene satellite office, 711 Country Club Road, Suite 1A.

Space is limited to the first 12 people who register. Attendees will get a nutritious meal with their lesson.

Classes will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday and continue through the end of September.

For more information or to register, contact Tribal Services Representative Perri McDaniel at 541-484-7085 or e-mail perri.mcdaniel@grandronde.org. ■

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. ■