



2006 — Tribal member Steve Bobb Jr. and his father, Tribal Elder Steve Bobb Sr., made signs for the Tribal Elder foster care lodges — Black Bear, Cougar and Elk. In all, they made three signs and installed them in early December.

2001 — The Tribe received a check for \$2.6 million from Richard Sass, who received a \$2.5 million loan two years earlier to invest in a startup company called Micro Helix. The company's Initial Public Offering in September raised \$12 million from interested investors, which allowed Sass to pay back the loan from the Tribe. "My extreme thanks and gratitude to the Tribe," he said. "I am really pleased to be able to pay you back."

1996 — Tribal Public Works Division Manager John Mercier reviewed projects that had occurred in 1996, including phase one of the manufactured housing park located across from the Tribal cemetery, construction of the Health and Wellness Center, construction of a new Natural Resources office complex and preliminary designs of a new administration building.

1991 — Tribal member Willie Mercier started a regular section in *Smoke Signals* focusing on youth news and information. Willie was a student at Willamina High School and working with the Tribal newspaper was part of the Cooperative Work Experience Program. He said his interests included playing baseball and collecting comic books and baseball and basketball cards.

1986 — The National Congress of American Indians Fund was conducting a new program, Indian and Native Veterans Outreach, to provide help to Native veterans in gaining employment and provide technical assistance to those who wished to start a business. Don Hudson was the Tribal contact for the new program.

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

New Year's Eve Sobriety Event slated

The Tribe's Youth Prevention and Behavioral Health programs will hold a New Year's Eve Sobriety Event at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, at the Northern Lights Theatre, 3893 Commercial St., Salem.

There will be three movies to choose from and door prizes, and transportation will be provided from Grand Ronde, leaving the Community Center at 6 p.m.

The event is open to Tribal member families and two guests.

People must RSVP to Shannon Stanton at Shannon.stanton@grandronde.org or call 503-879-1489. Only 274 seats are available. ■

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, call 503-879-2249 or 503-437-4599. ■

Children InterTribal Powwow set

There will be Children InterTribal Powwow from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, in the Tribal gym.

Everyone is invited to attend for a free night of singing, drumming and dancing. Invited drum is the West Coast Boyz and Leland Butler (Grand Ronde) and San Poil Whitehead (Siletz) will be the masters of ceremony. Arena director will be Washie Squetimkin (Colville).

For more information, contact Tribal member Halona Buter at lady_native11@hotmail.com, Squetimkin at 206-200-3794 or Tribal member Brian Krehbiel at 503-879-4639. ■

Elder Christmas Party

Friday, Dec. 16

Starting at 3 p.m. With snacks
Dinner at 4 p.m.

In lieu of gift exchange, accepting
blankets or lap blankets for needy
Elders or toys, hats, or mittens

Unwrapped

Willamina Tree of Giving

Tribal Elders 55 and over please.

For more info contact: Linda, 971-267-0918