



2007 – Tribal Council instructed Director of Economic Development Peter Wakeland to draw up the parameters of a feasibility study about ways to improve fire and emergency response time for Tribal lands and the surrounding community. The study was to examine a number of options, including building and staffing a fire department on Tribal lands.

2002 – The Tribe's Education Department continued to grow, adding a college counselor and adviser (Kevin Simmons), Adult Education coordinator (JoAnne Carr) and administrative assistant (Deb Bachman) to the staff.

1997 – Tribal Council approved the 1997 Tribal budget and also gave authorization to proceed on the construction of a new administration building that will house Tribal programs.

1992 – Vernon Kennedy joined the Tribe as the new alcohol and drug prevention/education counselor. Originally from Burns, Ore., Kennedy went to Burns High School and then to Anadarko Indian School.

1987 – Greg Archuleta joined the Tribal staff as hunting & fishing/newsletter person. He was a graduate of the University of Oregon with a degree in journalism. He started full-time on Jan. 19.

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

Zumba held Monday, Wednesday in gym

Zumba, an easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired and calorie-burning dance fitness party, is held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday in the Tribal gymnasium.

The first class is free and \$6 thereafter for drop-ins, or \$5 if participants purchase a punch card.

For more information, contact Tribal Recreation Coordinator Alton Butler at 503-879-1369 or alton.butler@grandronde.org. ■

Health & Wellness Center requesting patient photo ID

The registration staff at the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center began requesting patient photo ID when patients present to the clinic on Nov. 15, 2011.

This is in an effort to reduce the risk of identity theft and fraud. Staff will scan the ID and attach it electronically to the patient's account.

It will be referenced on future visits to ensure that services are being provided to the proper individuals.

Patients should be prepared to present their ID when they come to their next clinic visit. Acceptable photo ID includes driver's license, Tribal ID or employee ID. Acceptable alternatives include Social Security card, certified birth certificate or voter registration card. If the patient is a minor, the patient's parent/legal guardian is to bring the information listed above. ■



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Iyana Holmes, Little Miss Grand Ronde at the time and currently Junior Miss Grand Ronde, participates in an Intertribal dance during 2011's third annual Gathering of Oregon's First Nations Powwow at the Oregon State Fair & Expo Center Pavilion in Salem. The fourth annual powwow will take place in Salem on Saturday, Jan. 28.

Vendors will sell exclusively Native-made goods at powwow

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American Indians in contemporary time."

A single Grand Entry will occur at 1 p.m., with Oregon Tribal representatives and veterans leading the procession. The five Tribes have invited the four federally recognized Tribes in eastern Oregon to attend, as well as all American Indians and the general public.

Tribal member and Grand Ronde Tribal Police Officer Jake McKnight will bring in the 9/11 Remembrance flag.

During Grand Entry, there will be a special recognition of all veterans attending. Native Americans have long served in the U.S. military in far greater numbers per capita than any other racial group and their pride in this service is traditionally displayed at every public event.

Traditional dance specials for men and women will be held during the afternoon and on into the evening for both northern- and southern-style dancers. Two more specials, father-son and mother-daughter dances also will be held. Tribal blankets and baskets filled

with gifts will be offered as prizes. Tony Whitehead (Siletz) will be arena director.

Vendors will sell exclusively Native-made goods at the powwow. Vendor tables, at \$50 each, will be available through Jan. 23. Contact Grand Ronde Tribal member Kristen Ravia in the Public Affairs Office, 503-879-1418, (800-422-0232, ext. 1418) to reserve a table.

Doors open at noon. Parking at the pavilion will cost \$3. The event will go on until about 9 p.m., Indian-time, said Sixkiller.

The first Gathering of Oregon's First Nations Powwow, held in 2009, coincided with the 150th anniversary of Oregon statehood. It served to remind Oregonians that Tribal peoples lived here long before statehood, and the event has since celebrated the sovereignty and culture of Oregon Tribes.

As at previous powwows, "Standing Strong," a video story of the five western Tribes, will show in a side room at the pavilion.

Information from individual Tribes will highlight individual Tribal histories, and cultural demonstrations also will be part of the powwow experience. ■

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In 2012, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board will launch a companion website: www.wernative.org. The site is being designed for Native youth, by Native youth, to encourage healthy behaviors, share youth-friendly media and current events, increase cultural identity and pride, and share the positive impacts Native youth are having on their communities.

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