



2007 – The annual trip by Tribal members to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City to visit Tomanowos occurred. Going on the trip were Tribal members Monty Parazoo, Gladys Hobbs, Sharon Hanson, Louise Medeiros, Violet Folden, Anna Hannah, Kathryn Harrison, Teri Mercier, Jack Giffen Jr. and Bobby Mercier. They joined Tribal interns Ariel Bailey, Kerrina Grout and Jessica Stryker at the museum and Tribal member Toby McClary took photos of the event.

2002 – More than 200 riders competed for more than \$14,000 in prize money at the Spirit Mountain Stampede, the seventh annual event and second held at the Tribe's permanent rodeo grounds. Tribal members Shonn Leno and Duke Kimsey competed in the bareback riding event with Kimsey, a former ring toss winner, winning the event.

1997 – Spirit Mountain Casino hosted the Common Ground Conference, which promoted awareness of Native culture and spirituality. An Elders' Panel discussed the difficult effects of Termination while Tribal member CeCe Kneeland sang a welcoming song on the opening day of the conference.

1992 – Tracy Olson, a recent graduate of the University of Oregon, took over as director of *Smoke Signals*. "I primarily want to create a paper which offers entertaining and informative articles for all Tribal members, whether they live in Oregon or some other state," she wrote.

1987 – A special General Council meeting was set for July 12 at Grand Ronde Elementary School to call for Tribal Council nominations. A salmon bake was scheduled to follow the meeting.

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

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program:

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The Tribal Court is looking for committed, caring adults who have an interest in helping one of the nearly 90 Grand Ronde children currently in foster care by becoming a CASA volunteer. As a volunteer, you will be trained to help give children a voice during a difficult time by appearing at Court, attending meetings involving the child, and advocating for the child's best interest.

For more information or to apply, contact Adrea Korthase, Tribal Court Program Specialist at 503-879-4623 or email adrea.korthase@grandronde.org

If you would like more information on how to volunteer and better serve our Tribal Children, please detach and complete this form and return it to: Tribal Court Programs Specialist, 2615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97147. For additional information, call 503-879-4623 or email: adrea.korthase@grandronde.org



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Reibach performing concert in Northern Ireland on July 27

By Dean Rhodes

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Tribal member Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach, winner of four Native American Music Awards, including Artist of the Year, will be performing in Derry, Northern Ireland, on Friday, July 27, at the Waterside Theatre.

The performance will be something of a homecoming for Reibach.

Although he is the great-grandson twice removed of Kalapuya Chief Joseph Sangretta, Reibach is also the twice-removed great-grandson of James Dunn from Derry, Northern Ireland, who arrived in the United States in 1834.

A close friend and genealogist from Ireland, Keith Wright, helped trace Reibach's Irish ancestry.

During his tour of Ireland, Reibach also will play for Northern Ireland's Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness.

Reibach, who works for the Tribe as Lands Manager, is an accomplished Native American flutist, recording artist, educator and humanitarian. With 18 CDs released internationally, he has won the aforementioned four Native American Music Awards.

His dedication to making a positive difference, which includes a special CD for children battling cancer and



Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach

a national Native youth drug and alcohol prevention music project, is a main driver of his music.

He has headlined large festivals and concerts across the country. He has instructed cultural diversity courses at universities for more than seven years and taught more than 5,000 people how to play Native American flute.

These days, however, his commitment to working for the Tribe takes precedence and his performance schedule is limited.

He said that performing in Ireland is especially close to his heart.

"Every day, I wake up and feel grateful to be a Grand Ronde Tribal member and to have the blessing of our culture," he said. "We are all tied through Mother Earth one way or another. I am excited to meet my Irish relatives and share the native flute with them." ■

Chinuk Wawa classes offered

The Tribe's 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. ■

Youth Center seeks volunteers

The Tina Miller Community Center Thrift Store, 110 B. St., Willamina, which helps fund the after-school and weekend youth community center located in the old high school gym, is seeking volunteers who can help run the store, in addition to donated items and customers.

The store accepts clothes, books, knickknacks, etc., as donations. It is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and closed on Sunday and Monday. Donations also can be left at the Wildwood Hotel and Restaurant in Willamina. For more information on volunteering, call 503-876-7897.

The youth center and thrift store that funds it are nonprofit and 100 percent self-sustaining and volunteer-run. ■

'We're proud of our veterans'

POWWOW continued
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Gourd Dance exhibition, the Owl Dance is scheduled for Saturday. The Team Dance is on Sunday.

Master of ceremonies will be Nick Sixkiller and whip man will be Tony Whitehead. Head man and head woman will be the husband-and-wife team of Deitrich and Rose Peters.

Wayne Chulik, Patty Coffey and Tom Smith will carry Eagle staffs this year.

Chulik also will join this year's Honor Guard that will include Tribal Elders Gene LaBonte and Wink Soderberg.

Veterans Royalty – Senior Queen Kallie Provost and Junior Queen Isabelle Grout – "will represent the powwow, help serve dinner, and pass out medals to honor the veterans," said Reina Nelson, also a member of the Veterans' Special Event Board. "They help the Veterans' Committee and help the announcer. And, of course, they will be dancing all weekend."

As always, there will be raffles for many Tribal and community events and projects throughout the weekend.

"We're proud of our veterans," said Whitecloud, "and we always want the Veterans' Powwow to be something special for them." ■