



**2007** – Tribal members participated in the Paddle to Lummi Canoe Journey. The journey consisted of paddling more than 200 miles beginning at the Squaxin Island Tribe and finishing at the Lummi Nation on July 30.

**2002** – Tribal member Allison Empey was featured as one of 16 valedictorians at McMinnville High School. Empey and fellow valedictorian Justin Tillery were chosen by their peers to speak for the senior class. Empey was not only a straight-A student, but an athlete in soccer, basketball and tennis and leader in National Honor Society, Key Club and Mac Club. She was planning to attend Stanford University in the fall.

**1997** – Members of the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of the President's Council on Sustainable Development visited Spirit Mountain Casino. They choose to visit a Tribally owned casino to learn about casino operations, economic development of the Grand Ronde Tribe and contributions to the community.

**1992** – Deana Gardner was preparing to step down as Senior Miss Grand Ronde while Junior Miss Grand Ronde Courtney Galligher was at the end of her reign.

**1987** – In early August, U.S. Rep. Les AuCoin and Sen. Mark Hatfield submitted to Congress two proposed Grand Ronde Reservation bills. One bill called for the establishment of a 15,665-acre reservation while the other called for a 5,116-acre reservation. "The reason that Sen. Hatfield and I put two bills in the hopper, instead of just one, was to show that alternatives are possible," AuCoin said.

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

## Graves teaching weekly basket weaving class

Tribal Elder Connie Graves teaches a basket weaving class, which is open to the public, at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Elders' Activity Center.

For more information, contact Tribal Cultural Education Specialist Brian Krehbiel at 503-879-4639 or [brian.krehbiel@grandronde.org](mailto:brian.krehbiel@grandronde.org). ■

## Election Board office open until Sept. 6

The Tribal Election Board office is open for business through Thursday, Sept. 6.

Operating hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. The office's phone number is 503-879-2271 and fax number is 503-879-4538.

The Election Board office is located in the Tribal Community Center. ■

## Changes to your Skookum Health Plan

For Tribal members residing in the counties of Washington, Multnomah, Tillamook, Yamhill, Polk and Marion, you will soon be receiving a new Skookum card with changes to your health plan ID number. This does NOT affect Tribal employees with the Shasta employee plan.

We are making a few changes to your health plan group identifier, which means that you will need a new ID card.

- The first three letters of your current ID number will be changing from GRT to GRC.

- o Your current ID number looks like: GRT123456.

- o Your new ID number will look like: GRC123456.

- Your ID number affects how your claims are paid, so to ensure your claims are paid correctly, please THROW OUT your old card and KEEP the new card starting with the GRC ID number.

- o When you go to a doctor, dentist, pharmacy or eye doctor, make sure you give the provider your new ID card so the bill will be processed for payment correctly.

- The final change relates to your Explanation of Benefits (EOB). Going forward you will only receive an EOB if you owe the provider a portion of the claim costs or if the claim has been denied.

- If you have any questions on the above changes, please call Shasta Administrative Services' Customer Service at 1-800-880-5877 or Contract Health Services at 1-800-775-0095.

Again, these changes only affect Tribal members residing in Washington, Multnomah, Tillamook, Yamhill, Polk and Marion counties! This does not affect Tribal employees. ■

# Shuttle service will be available

**POWWOW continued from front page**

Grounds in Grand Ronde, features \$35,000 in prize money contributed by Tribal Council, the annual parade, two host drums, three dance specials, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, by-donation breakfasts and dinners, as well as craft and food vendors.

Shuttle service will be available all weekend to and from Spirit Mountain Casino and Tribal government offices.

Master of ceremonies will be Fred Hill (Umatilla), arena director will be Fred Ike Jr. (Yakama) and head judge will be Sidrick Baker.

The Royalty pageant and coronation will take place 5 p.m. Friday.

Grand entries are set for 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The annual Powwow Parade starts at 10 a.m. Saturday at Fort Yamhill State Park, down the hill to the Powwow Grounds and back.

Host drums will be Blacklodge from the Yakama Tribal area and The Boyz, a midwestern drum. Blacklodge has long been a participant and supporter of the Grand Ronde Contest Powwow and The Boyz are new this year.

Contest categories are the same

## If you go

**2012 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow**

**When:** Friday, Aug. 17, through Sunday, Aug. 19. Grand entries at 7 p.m. Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

**Where:** Uyxat Powwow Grounds off Hebo Road just north of the Highway 18 intersection.

**Cost:** Parking and camping are both free.

**More info:** Contact Dana Leno-Ainam at 503 879-2037 or e-mail at [dana.leno@grandronde.org](mailto:dana.leno@grandronde.org).

as last year, with six dances in each category; three for men, three for women. The categories for men are traditional, grass and fancy. The categories for women are traditional, jingle and fancy shawl. Age divisions are junior (6-12), teen (13-17), adult (18-49) and golden age (50+)

This year's dance specials include a Men's and Women's Fancy and a Men's Round Bustle dance.

The basketball tournament, spon-



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**CeCe Kneeland participates in a grand entry of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde 2011 Contest Powwow at Uyxat Powwow Grounds in Grand Ronde in August 2011.**

sored by Youth Education, will be held on Saturday in the parking lot in front of the Tribal plankhouse. The tournament is open to all middle and high school youth, with check-in Friday from 7 to 8 p.m., and games starting at 8 a.m. Saturday. A dunk contest and a 3-point shootout also will be held on Saturday afternoon. Registration deadline is Aug. 17.

As always, Tribal Food Services

Coordinator Kristy DeLoe will organize breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday, dinner on Saturday night and lunch on Sunday afternoon, all offered with donation requested.

Some 50 craft vendors and 15 food vendors, including traditional fry bread from Tribal Elders Margaret Provost and Claudia Leno, will serve crowds estimated for the weekend at 10,000 to 15,000. ■