



**2007** – New York City-based meteorite collector Darryl Pitt was planning to auction off an almost 30-pound piece of Tomanowos at an Oct. 28 auction. "We are deeply saddened that any individual or organization would be so insensitive to Native American spirituality and culture as to traffic in the sale of a sacred and historic artifact," said Tribal Public Affairs Director Siobhan Taylor.

**2002** – Spirit Mountain Community Fund surpassed the \$16 million mark in giving. "It's one of the best things the Tribe has done," said Tribal Council member Ed Pearsall. "People recognize that we're not just this sovereign nation out here. We're giving back to the community."

**1997** – Carl and Betty Lambert became the first residents to move into Grand Meadows, the Tribe's 37-lot manufactured home park. The couple had been living on five acres in La Grande, which sold the first day it was on the market. The Lamberts had been living with Betty's brother in McMinnville since July, awaiting delivery of their new manufactured home.

**1992** – Tribal Judge Les Marston swore in new Tribal Council members Ed Larsen, Kathryn Harrison and Andrew Jenness. Only about 20 percent of eligible voters participated in the election.

**1987** – Tribal members re-elected five incumbent council members and selected four new members. Per the Tribal Constitution, the three candidates with the most votes – Mark Mercier, Henry Petite and Candy Robertson – were elected to three-year terms. The next three – Russ Leno, Kathryn Harrison and Val Grout – were elected to two-year terms, and the final three – Merle Leno, Raymond McKnight and Eugene LaBonte – were elected to one-year terms. Now, three Tribal Council seats will be up for election annually.

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

## Storytelling Festival set for Oct. 26-28

The seventh annual Northwest Indian Storytelling Festival will be held Friday, Oct. 26, through Sunday, Oct. 28, at Portland State University.

The Emerging Tribal Storytellers Workshop also will be held Saturday and Sunday. Tribal members, as well as those who self-identify as Native American, are welcome to join the weekend of storytelling and cultural enrichment. Attendees can e-mail Rebecca Tait at [NISA@wisdomoftheelders.org](mailto:NISA@wisdomoftheelders.org) or call 503-775-4014 and request a membership form and festival/workshop registration information.

The storytelling festival is sponsored by the Northwest Indian Storytellers Association, Portland State University's Indigenous Nations Studies Program and Native American Student and Community Center, and Wisdom of the Elders. ■

## Attention Tribal members with Skookum health benefits

In 2008, the Health and Wellness Center was given the opportunity to manage and administer the Tribal Member Health Program (Skookum). Program expenditures in 2007 were in excess of \$22 million and projections for future years were going to put a tremendous burden on Tribal resources with 2012's estimate exceeding \$30 million. However, with help from the membership, we have been able to actually reduce our program costs. By aggressively pursuing discounts, coordinating with Contract Health Services and providing the membership with the tools to be better health consumers, we have reduced the annual program costs to an estimated \$18 million for 2012.

It's now time to take the next step in making your Skookum Health Program even more efficient. To do so, Tribal Council has authorized the program to begin verifying Medicaid eligibility for all Tribal members without primary insurance coverage, such as employer-sponsored plan, Medicare, private plan, etc. This verification of Medicaid eligibility will take place on an annual basis.

What does this mean to you? If you currently use only the Skookum Health Program benefits, you will be required to show proof of your Medicaid application and/or eligibility. This will require you to apply for Medicaid and receive either acceptance or a denial for coverage.


Should your income be over the Medicaid income limits and you choose not to apply for Medicaid, providing proof of your ineligible income will be acceptable.

When will this change occur? We will begin implementing this change effective Jan. 1, 2013. Please expect to receive more information in both *Smoke Signals* and by mail.


Should you not complete the annual audit and return the appropriate information to the Tribe, your Skookum health benefits will be suspended or revoked. Staff will be available at the Grand Ronde Health and Wellness Center to assist members with the Medicaid application process. ■

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## Helpline Provides Free, Confidential Crisis Intervention and Resources

As 2012 begins, Oregon Partnership offers a reminder about our free, confidential alcohol and drug HelpLine (800-923-HELP; 800-923-4357).

Highly trained volunteers and staff provide compassionate assistance to people in crisis as well as to family members and friends concerned about loved ones.

The line operates 24/7, responding to those seeking crisis intervention and resources that help them heal.

### YouthLine

A peer-to-peer crisis line for teens. Chat online [www.OregonYouthline.org](http://www.OregonYouthline.org). Youth working under the supervision of an adult answer calls on diverse topics including substance abuse, depression, self-harm, dating violence and other issues, many of which have substance abuse as an underlying issue  
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