



2007 – Spirit Mountain Casino interim General Manager Roy Rhode reported that the fourth major expansion will be completed in April 2008 instead of August 2008. The two-story expansion will add 135,396 square feet to the casino and include an events and entertainment center, new buffet, conference rooms and space for Human Resources Department offices. Rhode said good fall weather allowed contractors to get ahead of schedule.

2002 – Progress was being made on the Tribe's new Housing Authority building. Completion is expected in mid-November for the office building, which is part of a larger project that includes 36 apartment units for low-rent family housing. Estimated completion date for the apartments is June 2003.

1997 – The new Health and Wellness Center was dedicated during an Oct. 3 ceremony. Tribal Chair Kathryn Harrison delivered a speech about the importance of health care for Native peoples and Cheryl A. Kennedy spoke about how far the Health and Human Services Division has come since Restoration. Molly Rimer said the Lord's Prayer in sign language and Nora Kimsey gave the blessing.

1992 – Chris Leno joined Spirit Mountain Development Corp. as the business development analyst. He had one term of classes left before receiving a bachelor's degree in Marketing Management from Oregon State University. He is the son of Bob Leno and Janelle Stucky.

1987 – The Tribe mourned the loss of Samson Simmons, a member of one of the original families who traveled "The Trail of Tears." He was the last child born into the William and Suzette Norwest Simmons family. The Simmons lived and raised their family at the base of Spirit Mountain and was one of two families who kept their land in "trust" until Congress terminated the Tribe in 1954.

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

Event will fete plankhouse's birthday

The Tribe will celebrate the Tribal plankhouse's second birthday beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20.

There also will be a dinner at 5:30 p.m. and a giveaway at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Bobby Mercier at 503-879-2076 or bobby.mercier@grandronde.org. ■

Bernando teaches Wawa in Portland office

Tribal member Eric Bernando teaches Chinuk Wawa language classes from 5:30 to 8:20 p.m. Wednesday at the Portland office, 4445 S.W. Barbur Blvd., Suite 101. For more information, contact Bernando at Chinuk-Wawa@gmail.com or at 503-709-3017. ■

Martin named Tribal Council executive coordinator

By Ron Karten

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Former Hatfield Fellow Stacia Martin, 27, has been named Tribal Council executive coordinator.

Beginning Sept. 17, Martin took on the responsibility for keeping Tribal Council members informed, including providing background materials for all the matters the elected Tribal leaders deal with from day to day.

"My position," Martin said, "also acts as a liaison to Tribal committees and special event boards, and establishes and maintains effective working relationships with other Tribal, state, federal and local government agencies and businesses."

Martin brings years of congressional experience to the post. After her fellowship in the office of U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader, D-Ore., Martin was hired full-time as the congressman's communications director and district representative for Tillamook and Lincoln counties.

Her specialties include fisheries, transportation, community development, grants, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and ocean issues, including tsunami, marine debris, and wave and wind energy.

Before being named the 2009-10



Photo courtesy of Stacia Martin

Stacia Martin, right, is the new Tribal Council executive coordinator. Before coming to work at the Tribe, she worked for U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader, left.

Hatfield Fellow by Spirit Mountain Community Fund, Martin interned in the Tribe's Legal Department and also worked for the Oregon Senate.

She graduated from the University of Oregon in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in Political Science with a focus in International Relations. ■

Restoration group seeks vendors, drums

The Tribe's 29th Restoration Celebration Committee is seeking vendors for this year's event to be held on Sunday, Nov. 18, in the Tribal plankhouse and gym.

Vendors will be needed from noon to 9 p.m. Space is limited. Deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9.

In addition, drum groups are being sought for the Restoration Powwow. Deadline to apply is also 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9.

Submit your name as a vendor or drum group and contact information to publicaffairs@grandronde.org or call the Tribe's Public Affairs Office at 503-879-1418. ■

Elders Phase II - Open House

Thursday, October 18th 2012 at Noon

Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority
GRTHA Invites you to our "Open House" for our new "Elders Phase II" units.

Come take a tour of the new units, we will start with a presentation just west of Grand Ronde Road.

