



2006 — Willamette University repatriated a 2.2-pound piece of Tomanowos — the Willamette meteorite — to the Tribe. The piece was found in a supply closet in the school's Olin Science Building. "This piece is home," Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said, "but it's not a good situation because there has been so much cutting on the meteorite. To me, it's like carving up a body."

2001 — Tribal members met with representatives from the American Museum of Natural History in New York City to discuss the Tribe's upcoming visit to Tomanowos. The museum agreed to close the site to all other visitors while Tribal members visit and conduct a blessing.

1996 — Architect Frank Whalen reported that groundbreaking on the new Tribal health facility should begin in August with construction taking about a year to complete. "We are still within the budget of around \$3.5 million," he said. "It is running \$122 a square foot."

1991 — Tribal Chairman Mark Mercier reported that he delivered a check for \$90,000 to Tillamook County's Board of Commissioners to settle forever any revenue losses the county may have suffered from the creation of the Grand Ronde Reservation. "This action closes another small chapter in the history of the rebirth of the Tribal community and the development of the Grand Ronde Reservation," he wrote.

1986 — The Tribe's general manager explained why Tribal Council members and staff received two W-2 forms for 1985: One on the corporate number and one for income earned after Sept. 30, 1985. The problem was partially due to the Internal Revenue Service not understanding the difference between the corporation and the Tribe since they both began with "The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde." The Tribal Council is a sovereign government while the corporation is a state-chartered non-profit 501(c)(3).

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

Kennedy re-appointed to Legislative Commission on Indian Services

By Dean Rhodes

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Grand Ronde Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy was re-appointed to the Oregon Legislative Commission on Indian Services on April 19 by Oregon Senate President Peter Courtney and Speakers of the House Bruce Hanna and Arnie Roblan.

Kennedy, 63, has represented the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde on the commission since 2003.

The Legislative Commission on Indian Services was created in 1975 to improve state services to Native Americans in Oregon. Its 13 members are appointed jointly by the Senate President and Speaker of the House to serve a two-year term and commission members select their own officers to serve one-year terms. (There are two Speakers of the House this year because of the 50-50 split between Democrats and Republicans in the Oregon House of Representatives.)

The Commission on Indian Services serves as the main forum in which Native American concerns are considered by state government. It serves as a conduit through which Native concerns are channeled through the state network to the appropriate entity and serves as an access point for finding out about state government programs and Indian communities.

All nine of the federally recognized Tribes in Oregon are represented on the commission, as are two geographic areas — the Portland Urban Area and the Willamette Valley area. Two legislative members — a senator and representative — are also seated on the commission.

In addition to Kennedy, Jessie Davis of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Gary Frost of the Klamath Tribes and LeAnne Teeman of the Burns Paiute Tribe were appointed this year.

Kennedy has served as chairwoman of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde for nine years, making her the second longest-serving chair of the Tribe since its Restoration in 1983.

She lives in Dallas with her husband, Vernon. ■



Youth prom to be held

Native Network will be presenting the first Native Youth Prom on Saturday, May 28, for Native youth who live in the Portland metro area, including Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties in Oregon and Clark County in Washington.

The network also will be having an ongoing prom dress, tuxedo and accessories drive to collect items for students in need, and also will be having a Native American art exhibit and silent auction fundraiser to help with the costs of the event, which will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1441 N.E. Second Ave., Portland.

For more information on becoming a sponsor or donating, contact Cassandra Belgard at 971-998-4567 or Nicholas Belgard at 503-758-2019, or visit www.NativeYouthProm.com. ■

Free to all Tribal members!

Diabetes Wellness Screening

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday May 30

(Coincides with the Memorial Day celebration)

Tribal Community Center

Screening is also open to Tribal spouses on Skookum Health

Care Plan Special prize for all participants

Brought to you by: Tribal Council and the

CTGR Health & Wellness Center ■

SMGI seeks position for board of directors

Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. (SMGI) is seeking a dynamic business-oriented individual (Tribal or nonTribal member) to fill a vacant position on the SMGI Board of Directors. The SMGI Board oversees the fiscal accountability, budgets, policies, procedures and business operations of Spirit Mountain Casino. The SMGI Board meets once a month and board members receive a stipend each month for their participation in board meetings.

Qualifications: We are seeking individuals with general business knowledge, experience in hospitality/customer service driven environment, and in one or more of the following areas:

- Marketing;
- Employee relations;
- Internal Audit;
- Finance;
- Surveillance.

Knowledge of Native American-owned and-operated organizations is preferred. There should also be a demonstrated ability to be responsive to the goals of the business and its increasing dynamic character with appropriate analytical and communication skills. Must be able to pass a thorough background check and obtain a PMO gaming license.

Deadline to apply is May 13, 2011.

Applicants may submit a letter of interest, resume and references to: Randy Dugger, Chief Operating Officer, c/o Danita Trombla, Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc., P.O. Box 39, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 AND Rob Greene, Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

THE PORTLAND OFFICE INVITES YOU TO THE GRAND OPENING!
Friday, May 6
2-5 P.M.

Light refreshments will be served

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