



**2007** – Tribal Elder and Vietnam veteran Steve Rife completed the 265-mile Trail of Tears walk in time to make grand entry at the Veterans' Powwow on July 7. Rife dressed in regalia made by his wife, Margie, in whose name he made the walk, and carried an eagle staff made by his sister, Tribal member Pearl Rife.

**2002** – Tribal Elder Honor Day went with a Hawaiian theme. Participants were encouraged to wear tropical dresses and Hawaiian shirts during the event.

**1997** – Spirit Mountain Casino employees presented the Junior Achievement curriculum in Willamina and Grand Ronde schools. Tribal members Camille Mercier and Adam Henny were pictured at Grand Ronde Elementary School with a presentation called "Watching Our Money Grow!" It was the second year that the Tribe sponsored Junior Achievement.

**1992** – *Smoke Signals* does not have a copy of the July 1992 issue in its archive files.

**1987** – JoAnn McClary was pictured as the Tribe's new Social Services researcher accompanying a story about the need for more Tribal foster homes.

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

## Council seat to remain vacant until election

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals editor*

Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said at the June 27 Tribal Council meeting that she will not nominate someone to temporarily fill the vacant seat on Tribal Council that was created when Valorie Sheker incurred three consecutive unexcused absences in May.

Kennedy, who is charged by the Tribal Constitution to nominate someone to fill a vacant seat, said that with only four Tribal Council meetings left that she did not see the need for a short-term appointee to fill the seat.

Kennedy said she checked with the other seven Tribal Council members and there will be sufficient attendance at the July and August Tribal Council meetings to have a quorum and carry out the business of the Tribe.

"Seeing as there was not an imminent need to have another position, we move forward," Kennedy said.

Although the Tribal Constitution says the Tribal chairperson "shall" nominate someone to fill a vacant seat with the approval of the rest of Tribal Council, it does not set a time frame within which the Tribal chair must make a nomination, leaving Kennedy with the discretion not to appoint anyone until the seat is filled during the Sept. 8 Tribal Council election.

The vacant seat, along with those held by Kennedy and Tribal Council member Toby McClary, are being contested this year by 13 Tribal members. ■

## Elders' garage sale seeking donations

Tribal Elders are regularly seeking donations for fundraising garage sales. To donate an item or items, contact Tribal Elders Linda Brandon at 971-267-0918 or Duane Wheeler at 541-992-3254. ■

## Youth Ed schedules Camp Dakota

The Tribe's Youth Education Program is holding a two-day Camp Dakota on Monday and Tuesday, July 16-17, in Scotts Mills.

The program will start with lunch in Salem and then travel to Camp Dakota, where participants will go through a rope course, ride a zip line, play paintball and operate remote-controlled cars.


The event is open to male Tribal members, descendants and enrolled Native American students who were in sixth, seventh or eighth grade in 2011-12 school year.

For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Chris Bailey at 503-879-4534 or by e-mail at [chris.bailey@grandronde.org](mailto:chris.bailey@grandronde.org). ■

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