



**2008** – Tribal Elder Don Day was busy in the Forest Service's Sweet Home Ranger District, collecting timber for the planned longhouse in Grand Ronde. A helicopter transported about 50 eight- to 20-foot lengths of old growth cedar logs out of a hole behind a tributary of the Soda Fork River and deposited them on a landing off Soda Fork Road. The logs were then trucked to Grand Ronde for splitting using traditional tools and methods.



File photo

Don Day

**2003** – A new 36-unit family housing community was under construction in Grand Ronde. Meant for moderate-income families, the development includes mostly duplexes, grouped around a covered central meeting place with a fire pit and toddler playground. "There's always been a great need for family housing in Indian Country," said Linda Layden, the Tribe's Housing director. "And it's been a long time in coming. So it's great to meet that need."

**1998** – The Tribe and Spirit Mountain Development Corp. announced plans to build a \$3.1 million retail and commercial center in Salem at the corner of Fairview Road and Commercial Street. "The project shows our confidence in Salem's future," said Tribal Chair Kathryn Harrison. "We will produce a high-quality retail center that benefits the entire community."

**1993** – The Tribe announced purchase of the Zimbrick property located near the Tribal Forestry Offices along Highway 18. The Zimbrick's sold the 197 acres to the Tribe for \$420,000, making it the single largest land purchase by the Tribe at that time in its quest to expand its reservation land base.

**1988** – Oregon Gov. Neil Goldschmidt held a brown bag luncheon with women representatives from around the state, including Tribal Council Secretary Kathryn Harrison, who was the only Tribal woman present. She was selected to attend on behalf of the Oregon Commission on Indian Services, of which she is vice chair. Issues of concern included economic development, affirmative action, child care, child abuse, alcoholism and drugs, women-owned businesses, prison issues, school closures, better communication with the governor's office and jobs.

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

## Harrison to receive honorary degree from University of Portland in May

By Dean Rhodes

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Former Tribal Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison will receive an honorary doctorate during the May 5 commencement ceremony at the University of Portland, said the university's Director of Media Relations John Furey.

Harrison will be honored for her years of service to the Grand Ronde Tribe and to the state of Oregon.

Harrison was born March 28, 1924, the descendant of an Alaskan Native (Eyak) mother, Ella, and Henry William Jones (Molalla), in Corvallis.

She was named Kathryn May Jones in honor of her great-great-aunt Molalla Kate.

She graduated from Chemawa Indian School in 1942 and subsequently married Frank Harrison, with whom she had 10 children.

In 1972, she became the first Native American graduate of the nursing program at Lane Community College and worked at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene. Eventually, she became an alcohol rehabilitation counselor for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz, where she became instrumental in helping the Tribe regain federal recognition in 1977.

In the early 1980s, Harrison returned to the Tribe of her father – the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde – and became involved in her second Restoration effort, helping Grand Ronde regain federal recognition in November 1983.

Kathryn, her son, Frank, and her daughter, Karen, testified before Congress about restoring the Grand Ronde Tribe, which was



Kathryn Harrison

terminated in 1954.

Following Restoration, Harrison served on the Grand Ronde Tribal Council from April 1984 through September 2001, never losing an election. She served as chair of the Tribal Council for six years and was vice chair for nine years. She oversaw the Tribe's resurrection from Termination and guided the development of gaming as a revenue source to fund Tribal educational, health and cultural efforts.

Harrison, now 88, continues to be an occasional spokeswoman for the Grand Ronde Tribe. Her life was detailed in a book, "Standing Tall: The Lifeway of Kathryn Jones Harrison."

In September 2012, she was named a History Maker by the Oregon Historical Society and received the Betty Roberts Woman in Leadership Award from Emerge Oregon, a Portland-based training program for Democratic women. ■

### OPEN FOR COMMENT

#### GOVERNMENTAL CORPORATIONS ORDINANCE

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney's Office, adopted, on an emergency basis, a proposed amendment to the Governmental Corporations Ordinance at the Dec. 12, 2012, Tribal Council meeting.

The primary purpose of the proposed amendment is to eliminate the requirement that Tribal Council must approve compensation of director level and higher employees employed by Tribal corporations, such as Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc.

The Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendment to the Governmental Corporations Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed amendment please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347, or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org. Comments must be received by Jan. 31.

### REQUEST OF PUBLIC COMMENT

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is requesting comments for the following projects (primarily in Polk and Yamhill counties) proposed for use of \$107,615 in estimated funding from the 2013-15 Federal 5310 Discretionary Grant program offered by the Oregon Department of Transportation:

1. Yamhill County Transit Area West Valley route Grand Ronde extension, purchased service costs (\$60,615); and
2. Salem Area Mass Transit District Grand Ronde 2X route, purchased service costs (\$47,000).

Additional information is available from Kim Rogers, Planning & Grants manager, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347; 503-879-2250. The Tribe invites comments on the proposed application by writing to this address. Comments should be received before 9 a.m. Jan. 29. It is anticipated that the application will be recommended for approval on this date. The application may be revised based on comments received. ■

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