



2012 – The Grand Ronde Tribe's efforts to continue improving the local community received a \$500,000 boost from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The federal grant will be used to build a new, more accessible food bank capable of handling and meeting federal Department of Agriculture commodities program requirements for the local community.

2007 – Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski visited Grand Ronde and met the oldest living member of the Tribe, Nora Kimsey. In addition to meeting with Tribal Council, the governor visited the Health & Wellness Clinic, the Tribal Library, Education Complex and made a surprise visit to Tribal Elder Hubert Mercier.

2002 – The eighth annual Government-to-Government Summit was held in Grand Ronde at Spirit Mountain Casino. Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber made what many believed would be his final appearance at the summit. He spoke about Executive Order 96-30 that mandated state agencies develop relationships with Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes.



2002

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1997 – Spirit Mountain Community Fund made its first grant: \$174,000 to enhance Life Flight Network's ability to save lives in medical emergencies that occur in rural Oregon. The grant will help implement a state-of-the-art satellite navigation system and will help pinpoint exact accident locations and flight routes, and help provide medical rescues in bad weather.

1992 – The Elders meal site dropped its meal price in half to \$1.50 for anyone who is not an Elder in an attempt to increase attendance. Of course, Grand Ronde Tribal Elders continued to eat for free.

1987 – Tribal and urban Indian representatives attended a luncheon meeting with Gov. Neil Goldschmidt. Tribal Council Chairman Mark Mercier represented the Grand Ronde Tribe and reviewed the progress being made on the Tribe's Reservation Plan and updated the governor on timber company concerns relating to exporting timber from the proposed Reservation.

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

George confirmed to state environmental commission

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

SALEM – The Oregon Senate voted 24-5 on Tuesday, May 2, to appoint Grand Ronde Tribal Council member Kathleen George as one of three new members of the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission.

George was nominated to the commission by Oregon Gov. Kate Brown in March to replace three members who were fired.

The commission is a five-member panel appointed by the governor to four-year terms. Members serve as the state Department of Environmental Quality's policy and rulemaking board. It also issues orders, judges appeals of fines or other departmental actions, and appoints the department's director.

George will join the commission along with fifth-generation Oregonian Wade Mosby, who was approved 19-10, and Oregon State University associate professor Molly Kile, who was approved 16-13. Current commission members Sam Baraso and Ed Armstrong will continue serving.

The former board members said they were fired over their choice to lead the Department of Environmental Quality. However, Brown said the decision was not related to that choice, but that new leadership was necessary to execute her vision for the department, which includes new air quality rules.



Kathleen George

Brown is tasking the Environmental Quality Commission with new rules under Cleaner Air Oregon, a change to the state's air quality rules

announced in the wake of reports about toxic emissions in Portland.

George was elected to Tribal Council in September 2016. Before her election, she was director of Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the Tribe's philanthropic arm, from September 2011 through her election to council.

She also worked for the Tribe's Natural Resources Department as its environmental coordinator from 1996 to 2002 before moving to eastern Oregon to work for the Umatilla Tribe as a water policy and senior policy analyst. She also worked for the Department of Environmental Quality in Pendleton and owned a natural resources consulting business, Cedar Consulting.

George graduated from Dominican University in California with a bachelor's degree in environmental biology. ■

Includes information from Oregon Public Broadcasting.

MARRIAGES IN TRIBAL COURT

The Tribal Court is now issuing marriage licenses and is able to perform marriage ceremonies for a filing fee of \$40. For questions regarding scheduling, please contact the Tribal Court at 503-879-2303. ■

BOW CAMP JULY 8, 2017

SPACE IS LIMITED!

8:30 a.m. - Sign-in/breakfast
 9 a.m. - Bow Camp begins
 Noon - Lunch
 3:30 p.m. - Snack
 5 p.m. - Bow Camp ends

We will be taking the first 40 people who sign up.

Please come in a good way and have lots of fun learning

- The last day to sign up will be June 28
- There will be no EXCEPTIONS for signing up late.
- We will need a release form signed by your parent or guardian.
- Open to all ages, 12 and under must be chaperoned by a parent or guardian.
- Food will be provided

Sign-ups please contact Flicka Lucero at 503-879-2268 or flicka.lucero@grandronde.org

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Public Hearing:

Tribal Priorities and Budgeting

Sunday, June 4, 2017
 11 a.m. to conclusion
 Tribal gymnasium

*Tribal members and their guests are invited to attend the public hearing. Tribal members will be allowed to testify in person or submit written testimony on what they see as the Tribe's priorities and provide input on the Tribal budget and budgeting process.

Please submit written testimony to
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