



**2012** – The Oregon Citizens' Initiative Review Commission voted against a proposal that sought to allow Oregon's first non-Tribal casino to be built in the east Portland suburb of Wood Village. The commission is charged with reviewing measures that will appear on the Nov. 6 ballot. The vote was 17 against and seven in support of the measure.

**2007** – President George Bush signed Public Law 110-78 into law. It will enable the Grand Ronde and Siletz Tribes to move forward with development of a valuable 15.7-acre Keizer property, as well as diversify beyond their gaming portfolios.

**2002** – Tribal member Kevin Simmons received the 2002-03 Mark O. Hatfield Fellowship given out each year by Spirit Mountain Community Fund. He was scheduled to work in the office of Oregon Rep. David Wu in Washington, D.C.



**2002** File photo

**1997** – Construction started on the 57,000-square-foot expansion at Spirit Mountain Casino. The expansion included additions to the main casino, bingo hall and Coyote's Buffet. Tentative completion date was spring 1998.

**1992** – Beth Oliver was hired as the new general manager of Spirit Mountain Development Corp. She had just returned to the United States after spending seven years in Africa, working with countries, Tribes and groups to enhance their economic development opportunities.

**1987** – Tribal members could vote for nine candidates during the upcoming election with the three candidates receiving the most votes serving three-year terms, the next three candidates serving two-year terms and the seventh- through ninth-place candidates serving one-year terms. The election established the current structure of three Tribal Council seats being contested annually. Thirteen Tribal members were running for office.

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

## Fee assistance

Enrolled Tribal members can request assistance with test fees (i.e. GRE, SAT, LSAT, ACT) and admissions application fees. Contact Higher Education for more information at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2275. ■

## Museum inviting designs for Native American memorial

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Museum of the American Indian is inviting people to submit designs to build the National Native American Veterans Memorial, which is slated to open in 2020.

The international competition is open to students, architects, designers and anyone else who wants to submit a design.

The Veterans Memorial will be placed on museum grounds at the National Mall. A blue-ribbon jury of Native and non-Native artists, designers, scholars and veterans will judge the design entries.

The competition consists of two stages: An open call to submit designs and the jury selecting five finalists.

More information will be available on the museum's website on Nov. 11 – Veterans Day. For more information on the contest, call the museum at 202-633-6796 or visit <http://nmai.si.edu>. ■

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde  
Invite you to join us for  
**Coffee & Conversation**

Friday, Sept. 29, 2017  
8:30 a.m.  
Marriot Courtyard  
600 Airport Road | Medford, Oregon 97504

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Each year the Grand Ronde Tribe celebrates the anniversary of their Treaty signing at Table Rocks and our MOU with the Bureau of Land Management and the Nature Conservancy. We invite you to meet with our Tribal Council and staff and learn more about our historic and current role in the area.

Please RSVP for the Coffee & Conversation at  
[PublicAffairs@grandronde.org](mailto:PublicAffairs@grandronde.org)  
503-879-1418

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On Friday we will have a Tribal encampment at Lower Table Rock Trailhead on Wheeler Road. You are invited to join us for Tribal cultural demonstrations from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The demonstrations are free and open to the public.

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**A Cause for Paws** is seeking pet food, toys, and beds.

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