

**Ray McKnight:
The tribe loses a great leader**

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Ray McKnight with one of his many hunting trophies.

his life as a logger.

Said Tribal Chairman Mark Mercier, "Ray epitomized the 'people to people' form of government. He was active in the community, and sought public opinion on issues."

Mark said that Ray was an analytical leader. He always looked at the long-term effects his decisions would have on the Tribe and future generations.

Ray was largely involved in developing the Tribe's Master Plan. He focused on the development of the land the main offices are currently on. He also helped to establish the Tribe's hunting policies concerning the tags the Tribe receives from the state of Oregon.

Said Mark, "I always admired Ray's honesty. He was willing to stick by his decisions. He had integrity."

Tribal court sees expanding work

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people who want to recover traditional names, or for women who want to regain their family name after a divorce; protect minors under the Indian Child Welfare Act; facilitate actions to reunite Native American children with their natural parents and conduct a small claims court with a limit of \$5,000.

Marston said that enrollment and election dispute cases will be included in the workload.

"You have a good court," Marston said. "We recently got a very good evaluation. The BIA said the system the (Grand Ronde) tribes have is the best tribal court in the Portland area."

Marston, a Chiricahua Apache and a lawyer, serves under contract.

"It is a privilege and an honor to serve you," he said.



Marston

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