



DREAMKEEPER: December 28 & 29

By Toby McClary

Take a walk into the legends of Native American history with this new mini-series on ABC. Premiering on December 28 & 29, this inspiring film is the journey of an Elderly man and his grandson.

This film begins with a troubled teen, Shane Chasing Horse (Eddie Spears), belonging to a local Native American street gang, who sets out with his grandfather, Pete Chasing Horse (August Schellenberg), to the All Nations Ceremony in New Mexico. Trying to avoid trouble with the gang, Shane agrees to accompany his grandfather on

what turns out to be a very spiritual ride. Driving from South Dakota, there are legends to be told and lessons to be learned. Pete tells Shane these stories in hopes that Shane will learn from them and pass them on as did the generations before him. Shane, unsure of the truth behind his grandfather's stories still learns lessons about his grandfather, his heritage, as well as himself.

According to ABC, the lessons are moving and inspirational and the real beauty of the film is Shane's final reaction to the words of his grandfather.

Photos courtesy of Hallmark



Elder Activities

- Elders' Christmas Dinner — December 18, 2003 from 6 to 9 p.m. It will be held at the Spirit Mountain Casino. If you think someone signed you up, please call to confirm your attendance. Call 503-879-2019 for this event.
- Elders' Shopping Trip — December 15, 2003. Departure time will be at 10 a.m. from the Grand Ronde Community Center. Return to Grand Ronde at 5 p.m. Lunch on your own. People going on the trips will determine the shopping destination. Call 503-879-2019 if you have questions.
- An Elder Survey will come in the mail before the first of the year. It will ask for insurance information, if you have done long term health care planning, the type of long care arrangements that you may be interested in, etc. Please take time to fill the survey out as it will help with the Tribe's planning agenda and the priorities.
- Basket Making Class will take place after the first of the year as everyone is busy now with holiday plans.
- Tribal Jackets for the Elders — fact finding on price, colors, materials and styles is still in the works. The goal for the design of the jackets is to be done in the spring of 2004. When completed the design and cost information will be made available to the Tribal Elders.

Diabetes Support Group

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month — 11 a.m.
Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Molalla Room
Meeting dates for the remainder of the year are as follows:

✓ December 16, 2003

If you have any questions please call Darlene Aaron at 503-879-2019.

OPEN FOR COMMENT

Proposed Election Ordinance Amendments

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Election Board and the Tribal Attorney's Office, has proposed amendments to the Election Ordinance. The first reading of the proposed amendments was made at the October 22, 2003, Tribal Council Meeting.

The purpose of the amendments is to make various technical and substantive changes to the Ordinance to improve the efficiency of the election process. The proposed amendments include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Moving the nominations of candidates for Tribal Council elections from the regular General Council meeting in May to a special General Council meeting held on the last Sunday of June.

This proposed amendment would shorten the time period between nominations and the mailing of the absentee ballots. The absentee ballots would continue to be mailed 45 days before the date of the election.

2. Providing that the Election Board shall distribute a copy of the Election Ordinance, Constitution, and Voters Address List to candidates at the General Council Meeting at which nominations are accepted (the special General Council meeting in June). This proposed amendment is in response to the shortened period of time between nominations and the mailing of the absentee ballots described above. Under the current Ordinance, the Election Administrator mails the candidates these documents at a later date following the nominations.

3. Modifying the automatic recount provision to enable the Election Board and the Election Administrator to conduct the recount immediately following the original counting of the ballots. This proposed amendment would enable the Election Board and the Election Administrator to conduct an automatic recount immediately following the original counting of the ballots. The automatic recount provision is triggered when there is a difference of 1 percent or less in the number of votes cast for the third and fourth place candidates in a Tribal Council election. Under the current Ordinance, the automatic recount procedure follows that for recount requests, which delays the results of the election and incurs greater costs. With this amendment, a candidate in a Tribal Council election would still have the option of requesting a recount in accordance with the current provisions of the Ordinance.

4. Modifying the role of alternates to enable alternates to the Election Board to observe election functions and perform incidental tasks at the request of the Board and under the supervision of a Board member. This proposed amendment would enable the alternates to the Election Board to gain experience with the election process in case they are selected to serve in the place of a Board member who is disqualified from serving or otherwise unable to serve in an election.

For a copy of the proposed Election Ordinance amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. The Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments. **The proposed amendments will be discussed at the General Council Meeting on December 7, 2003.** You may also send written comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Rd., Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Comments must be received by December 19, 2003 at 5 p.m.

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