

# General Council And Community Meeting Held In Grand Ronde

■ Breakout sessions cover all the big issues.

By Ron Karten

The May General Council meeting was held on Sunday, May 1, at the Tribal gymnasium. Here are the highlights:

Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle Kennedy called the meeting to order. Tribal Elder and Council member Jan D. Reibach offered the invocation.

Tribal Planning Manager Kim Ray Rogers summarized Tribal activities over the last year. These

Rogers also summarized the Tribe's top priorities, culled from suggestions and comments made at last year's three community meetings, including consideration of changes to the Tribal Enrollment ordinance, increase in non-member insurance coverage, long term care for Elders, more communication with Tribal Council, an increase in Tribal member employment and more recreation options for the com-

toward the end of the session showed that the greatest concern was over an enrollment issue regarding direct descendants listed on "any original roll," economic development proposals, including one for a local swimming pool and another for a local golf course, as well as coverage for non-Tribal spouses, and continuing the practice of DNA testing.

A summary of the results of this

year's four community meetings will be available at the Special General Council meeting for Tribal Council nominations scheduled for June 26.

Tribal member Michael Bolton contributed to the Tribe one of his paintings, and said that he had a big supply of incontinence supplies that he offered to give away to any interested Tribal members. He also has horses that others may wish to ride free of charge.

Tribal Elder Nancy Coleman said on her retirement as Chairwoman of the Elections Board that it was "a pleasure to serve."

Tribal Elder Monty Parazoo pointed out a poster board in the registration area outside of the gym. The poster board included photographs along with descriptions of individuals who have been denied Tribal membership or told that they may soon be removed from membership rolls. The point of the display that he put together with his daughter's help, he said, was to put a human face on these individuals.

Tribal member, Public Information Officer and *Smoke Signals*

**Tribal Council  
Nominations  
June 26, 2005  
11 a.m.  
Community Center**

**PLEASE NOTE:  
General Council  
Meetings will resume  
on September 11**

Editor Brent Merrill said that the recycling center next to Grand Meadows, where he lives, is a mess and bringing down home values.

Tribal General Manager Cliff Adams said that the Tribe is planning on moving the recycling center to the newly acquired HR Jones property, although still under consideration is the possibility that "we will get rid of it altogether."

Merrill also said that the Highway 18 entrance ramp next to the Tribal convenience store is dangerous, and that an accident there not only will hurt the individuals involved but also potentially, the image of the Tribal casino.

Tribal member Rod Bly asked for regular updates on casino revenues. Tribal Chairwoman Kennedy said that the Tribe has in the past made these updates on an annual basis, but noted that to date this year the casino is exceeding the profits earned last year.

Drawings were held: Tribal Elder Rebecca Crocker won a Pendleton blanket; Social Services Manager Dave Fullerton won \$100. Tribal Elder Bernice Jensen, Tribal member Regan Reichle and Noreen Bolton each won \$50.

Tribal Council nominations will be June 26 at 11 a.m. at the Tribal Community Center in Grand Ronde. The next General Council meeting is scheduled after the summer break for September 11, 11 a.m. at the Community Center. ■



Photo by Ron Karten

**Resourceful** — Tribal General Manager Cliff Adams, left, and Tribal Council Member Jack Giffen Jr. led one of the break-out groups at the Community Meeting in Grand Ronde on Sunday, May 1 where the Planning Department solicited membership input on many issues. The Tribe also hosted Community Meetings in Portland, Eugene and Tacoma, Washington.

activities included evaluations of each department, health plan meetings, Spirit Mountain Lodge expansion, building of a warehouse and archives building, improvements to the telephone system, the building of a day park and a playground at the family housing complex, the continuing construction of three adult foster homes as well as the opening of satellite offices in Portland and Eugene.

In 2006, said Rogers, grant funding will pay for the completion of three adult foster care homes now under construction, an Elders Community Center and Phase One of the Grand Ronde Road expansion.

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Planned into the General Council meeting was time for a community meeting structured with small groups, each with facilitators, to discuss issues in each of five areas: enrollment, economic development, communications and public information, Tribal health insurance and "other."

Ideas were all written on large sheets of paper and posted on the gymnasium walls. After the discussions, each Tribal member pasted any of seven adhesive dots on the sheets next to the issues that most concerned them.

An unscientific look at the pages

## Mothers, Daughters Celebrate Holiday In Grand Ronde



Photos by Toby McClary

**Much Love** — On Saturday, May 7, the Tribe put on a Mother's Day Luncheon at the Community Center in Grand Ronde. At left, Tribal members Margaret and Jackie Provost. Pictured at right is Sharon Hanson, (l to r) Claudia Leno, Kayla Leno, Michelle Leno and Shelly Hanson.

