

## Making connections

Two candidates who survived the May 20 primary visited the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde in the months leading up to the election. State Sen. Kurt Schrader (below) of Canby visited the Tribe on April 16 and met with Tribal Council. Schrader won the Democratic primary and will run in November against Lake Oswego businessman Mike Erickson for Oregon's 5th District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. Incumbent Darlene Hooley is retiring. And 42-year-old Lewis and Clark



College law professor John Kroger (above, right) will become the next Oregon Attorney General after defeating Greg Macpherson in the Democratic primary. (There is no Republican opponent in the November general election.) Kroger visited the Tribe in February and had an instant rapport with several Tribal Council members when he revealed that he had served in the Marine Corps.



Photos by Dean Rhodes and Michelle Alaimo

## West loses bid for state House

Tribal Elder ran for District 23 seat in May 20 Democratic primary

By Dean Rhodes

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Tribal Elder Wesley "Buddy" West's bid to become the first enrolled member of an Oregon Tribe to serve in the state Legislature came to an end during the May 20 Democratic primary.

West, 65, of Sheridan, faced Jason Brown in the Democratic primary. West received 1,605 votes, or 25 percent, to Brown's 4,705 votes.

The 23rd District represents parts of Benton, Linn, Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties, including all of Willamina and Sheridan, but not Grand Ronde, which is in District 10.

West, who served on the Grand Ronde Tribal Council from 2004 to 2007, announced his candidacy at the February General Council meeting held in Clackamas.

West ran on a platform of tackling the issues of crime, meth and drug addiction and poverty in District 23, as well as establishing and keeping an open line of communication with district residents.

Brown will face Republican Jim Thompson in the November General Election for the District 23 seat. ■



Wesley "Buddy" West

## Event to discuss traditional plants

A free, all-ages event for Tribal people will be held 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, at the West Eugene Wetlands and will be led by Dennis Martinez, chairman of the Indigenous Peoples' Restoration Network.

Attendees will learn about traditional plants like camas and acorn, and try harvesting and material preparation. They also will help plan the wetland's future as a cultural center. Lunch will be provided.

Registration is required. Contact Eric Jones at 541-683-1846 or etj@ifcae.org.

For more information, visit [www.ifcae.org](http://www.ifcae.org). ■

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**VENDORS:** (For further information, call 503-550-4897 or 971-237-5775)

First-come first-served basis. 20-foot spaces are available.

Two-day fee - (\$50 Non-Tribal), (FREE to C.T.G.R. Tribal Members. Must show Tribal I.D.)

Security will be provided 24 hours a day.

**ADMISSION:**

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For more information, call Harold Lyon at 503-550-4897 or 971-237-5775.

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