

Arend explains 2009 preliminary Tribal budget

Most of Nov. 2 General Council meeting held in executive session

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A 4.5-hour, highly attended Nov. 2 General Council meeting provided Tribal members a chance to comment on the preliminary 2009 Tribal budget.

However, because the session was held mostly in executive session, *Smoke Signals* cannot report on the specifics of what was presented or said.

The meeting was held in the jam-packed Tribal Community Center in Grand Ronde.

The preliminary 2009 Tribal budget was detailed in the most recent *Tilixam Wawa* mailed to Tribal members.

In addition, the General Council

meeting also discussed the Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. expansion project loan in executive session. (On Nov. 5, Tribal Council voted 6-0 in a regular meeting to increase the loan amount to Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc.)

Before the General Council meeting went into executive session, Tribal member and Cultural Resources Protection Coordinator Eirik Thorsgard made a presentation on how Tribal ancestors traded and conducted commerce.

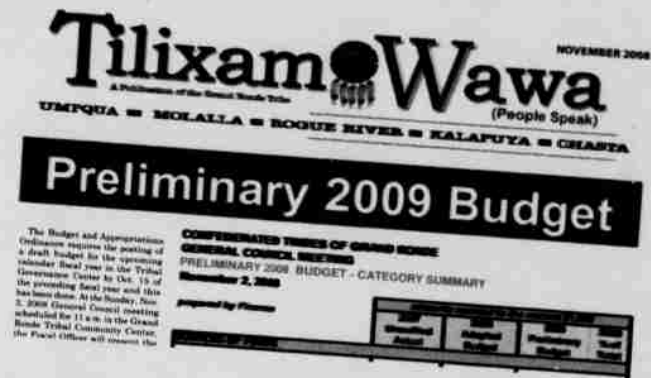
Also, Tribal member Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach performed "Unity" on the flute. Earlier this year, he was named flutist of the year by both the Indian Summer Music Awards and Native

American Music Awards for the compact disc of the same name.

In the executive session, new Tribal Finance Officer Stanley Arend went over the preliminary budget and provided opportunities for Tribal members to ask questions and comment on the proposal.

The next General Council meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, in the Tribal Community Center in Grand Ronde.

Tribal member Albert Jeffers, Tribal employee Julie Davis and Tribal member and employee April



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Campbell won the \$50 door prizes and Tribal member Erin Bernando won the \$100 door prize. ■

Financial Wellness support group starts

The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority is sponsoring a Financial Wellness support group that is meeting weekly at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Housing Authority conference room. The support group will discuss, share and learn ways to stretch dollars and protect the money participant's make.

The group will be informal and will decide on the topic to be discussed and researched each week. The Housing Authority has computers and worksheets to help people develop and track spending plans.

For more information, call Deborah Kroeker at 503-879-4522 or send her an e-mail at deborah.kroeker@grandronde.org. ■

Attention Tribal members

Effective Oct. 1, copies of Legislative Action Committee recommendations will be available on the Tribal member side of the Tribal Web site. They will be located with the Legislative Action Committee minutes.

These forms are only a recommendation used by the Legislative Action Committee to move discussion items to a regular Tribal Council meeting for a vote of the Tribal Council.

If you have any questions, please contact Dakota Whitecloud, Tribal Council Relations Coordinator, for more information. You may reach her at 503-879-1309 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 1309. ■

Cultural Corner

Basket Weaving Class

Grand Ronde
5:30 - 8:30 P.M.
(Nov 24, Dec. 1)

All materials will be provided. Limited to 15 participants, first-come, first-served.

RSVP to Misty Thorsgard (503) 879-2320.

Paintbrush Carving Class

Grand Ronde
Tuesdays
5:30 - 8 P.M.
Eugene
Wednesdays
5 - 8 P.M.

Chinook Wawa

Grand Ronde
Mondays and Wednesdays
4:30 - 6:20 P.M.

Portland
Wednesdays
Sessions begin at 5 and 6:30 P.M.

Eugene
Thursdays
Sessions begin at 5 and 6:30 P.M.

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