

## Census job opportunities

The Census Bureau is recruiting now for the 2010 Census and you can be a part of it. Data gathered during the census is essential to determining how federal monies are spent on the things that matter most to you. The Census Bureau offers great pay, flexible hours, paid training and an amazing opportunity for you to further your career and improve your community.

**Tuesday, Feb. 24 — 1 to 3 p.m.**  
**Standard application and testing**  
**Adult Education Room 126**

**Field positions:** Lister/Address Canvasser — \$15.25/hr, Crew Leader — \$18.25/hr, Crew Leader Assistant — \$15.25/hr, Recruiting Assistant — \$16.75/hr, Field Operations Supervisor — \$18.25/hr

**Office positions:** Office Clerk — \$11.50/hr, Office Operations Supervisor — \$15.75/hr

The U.S. Census Bureau is an equal opportunity employer. Bilingual applicants are encouraged to apply at [www.census.gov/rosea/www/employ.html](http://www.census.gov/rosea/www/employ.html). Call 1-866-861-2010 for more information. For applications and more information about testing, call Denise Harvey at 503-879-2112.

Hiring will occur by mid-March. Training is the first week of April for the first group hired. There will be a follow-up hiring and subsequent training about the second week in April. The training will take place in McMinnville. You will be paid for training at your normal pay scale.

## Blanket presented to LaBonte

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◆ Tribal Council Vice Chair Reyn Leno and Tribal Council member Kathleen Tom presented a Tribal logo blanket to Tribal Elder Eugene R. LaBonte for his continuous service on the Timber Committee since it was established in 1988. Timber Committee members Gene J. LaBonte, Bob Mercier, Richard Ray and Leon "Chip" Tom also were present.

About 50 prizes from the Tribal Council Christmas Party, which was canceled due to inclement weather in December, were given away to Tribal members in lieu of traditional door prizes.

After lunch, about 30 Tribal members recessed to the gymnasium to participate in a Community Membership meeting about the 2009 Tribal Strategic Plan.

It was the second of five meetings held to give Tribal members an opportunity to review the draft Strategic Plan, which is being updated for the first time since 1995, and comment on its list of strategies and goals.

Tribal members will have three more opportunities to comment on March 1 at the Eugene-area General Council meeting being held at the Holiday Inn, 919 Kruse Way, Springfield, and during special Community Membership meetings on

### Upcoming General Membership meetings

• 10 a.m. Sunday, March 1, at the Holiday Inn's Chinook Ballroom, 919 Kruse Way, Springfield, Ore.

• Noon Sunday, April 19, at the Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center, 607 E. Yakima Ave., Yakima, Wash.

• Noon Sunday, May 17, at the Riverhouse Hotel, 3075 N. Highway 97, Bend, Ore.

For more information, call Planning & Grants Department Manager Kim Rogers at 503-879-2250.

April 19 at the Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center, 607 E. Yakima Ave., in Yakima, Wash., and May 17 at the Riverhouse Hotel, 3075 N. Highway 97, in Bend.

After the five Community Membership sessions are completed, a summary report will be written and there will be a 60-day comment period on a final Strategic Plan before it is considered for adoption by Tribal Council.

For more details about the Tribal Strategic Plan process, see the article that ran on Page 5 of the Jan. 15 *Smoke Signals*. ■



Photo by Slobhan Taylor

**Tribal Elder Eugene R. LaBonte received a Tribal logo blanket for his continuous service on the Timber Committee since it was established in 1988 at the Feb. 8 General Council meeting in the Tribal Community Center. Helping to present the blanket are Tribal Elders and Timber Committee members Leon "Chip" Tom, left, and Gene J. LaBonte, right.**



**2004** — The family of Tribal Elder Merle Holmes is inviting the community to witness a naming ceremony for his son, Jim, who will receive his Indian name "Rabbit" on Feb. 28 at the Tribal Community Center. Merle enlisted the help of Warm Springs Medicine Men Wilbur Johnson and Larry Dick to oversee the ceremony and invited several traditional medicine dancers and singers to participate.

**1999** — The first meeting of an ad hoc committee to discuss erecting a Veterans' Memorial in Grand Ronde is scheduled on Feb. 21. One of Tribal Council's priorities for 1999 is to erect a Veterans' Memorial in recognition and appreciation of Tribal members who have served in the Armed Forces and fought America's wars.

**1994** — Tribal Council Vice Chair Kathryn Harrison is elected to the Native American Rights Fund Board of Directors. The fund is based in Boulder, Colo., and its board meets twice a year to discuss specific rights issues concerning Native peoples all over America.

**1989** — Tribal students doing well at Oregon colleges include Chris Leno, who had a 3.33 grade point average at Oregon State University, and Cecile Kneeland, who had a 3.25 GPA at Western Oregon State College.

**1984** — Twenty-seven Tribal members are nominated for election to an Interim Tribal Council. Nominees are John Allen, Beverly Cooney, Delmer Croy, Frank Harrison, Kathryn Harrison, Sharon Herron, Les Houck, Cheryle A. Kennedy, Marvin Kimsey, Bob Leno, Merle Leno, Russ Leno, John Lillard, Patty Martin, Darrell Mercier, Dean Mercier, Dennis Mercier, Lennis Mercier, Mark Mercier, Marcellus Norwest, June West Olson, Henry Petite, Jackie Provost, Margaret Provost, Candy Robertson, Wink Soderberg and Diana Stogsdill.

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## Canoe Family slates meeting

The Grand Ronde/Chinook Canoe Family will hold its monthly meeting from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at the Tribal gymnasium.

Lunch will be provided and attendees are encouraged to bring a dessert.

The Canoe Family Board Meeting will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Youth Education building.

For more information, contact Tribal Youth Program Coordinator Lisa Leno at 503-879-1471 or via e-mail at [lisa.leno@grandronde.org](mailto:lisa.leno@grandronde.org). ■

## Grand Ronde Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

The Grand Ronde Tribe is operating its own Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to assist Grand Ronde Tribal member households with energy payments (utility bills, firewood, etc.), energy emergencies and weatherization

(e.g. furnace repairs). Income eligible households within Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Washington, Multnomah and Clackamas counties with a Grand Ronde Tribal member are eligible to apply. CTGR members in these counties need to contact Grand Ronde to receive assistance instead of from the community action agency in their area. Grand Ronde's program enables more CTGR members to be served than would otherwise have been possible.

If you are interested in obtaining services contact Social Services at 1-800-242-8196 for energy assistance and the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority at 503-879-2405 for weatherization. The Tribe's LIHEAP program also serves all income eligible Indians on Grand Ronde Reservation or trust land.

