

## General Council meeting examines preliminary budget

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The Nov. 1 Tribal General Council meeting, held in executive session, featured Tribal Finance Officer Stanley Arend presenting the preliminary 2010 budget to the membership.

Arend said that the draft budget showed a deficit and that the Tribe must make critical decisions to balance the budget before Dec. 31.

He encouraged Tribal members to communicate their priorities about program activities and funding levels.

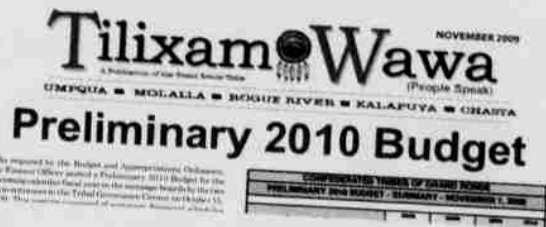
The proposed budget is available in the November *Tilixam Wawa* and also is posted on the Tribal member side of the Web site.

Comments regarding the proposed budget must be submitted in writing by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2. Send comments to Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347, Attn: Finance Officer.

In addition to the preliminary budget briefing, the Grand Ronde Canoe Family opened the meeting with a blessing song. After the song, Tribal Elder and formal Tribal Council member Henry Petite spoke about the value of the Canoe Family for Grand Ronde youth and the need for understanding of young people in their developmental stages.

Petite asked for support and respect for the Canoe Family and their work with Tribal youth.

Raffle drawing winners were Tribal members Wendell Olson, Eric Bernardo and Goldie Bly receiving the \$50 door prizes and Tribal Elder Linda Brandon receiving the \$100 door prize. Olson donated his winnings to the Elders' Activity Center. ■



## Readers like Tribal design for Chemawa Station water tower

By Dean Rhodes  
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If *Salem Statesman-Journal* readers have any influence, a design created by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and Confederated Tribes of Siletz will one day adorn the water tower of Chemawa Station in Keizer.

One day after Keizer city councilors dissed three proposed water tower designs created by city staff, newspaper readers voted the proposed Tribal design to be the best of the four available.

Almost 74 percent of those who voted in the reader poll picked the Tribal design, which combines Spirit Mountain with a salmon and reads, "Welcome to Keizer Chemawa Station."

Among the three designs offered by Keizer city staff was a simple "Welcome to Keizer" in block letters.

"I really don't like it," Keizer City Councilor Cathy Clark said of that option.

None of the three city-proposed designs included the logos of the two Tribes, which own the land on which the city's water tower stands.

Grand Ronde Tribal Council Secretary Kathleen Tom attended the Nov. 2 meeting and reminded Keizer City Council members that the two Tribal Councils had proposed a multifaceted logo representing the Tribes and Keizer.

Clark said that design, created by the Chinook Winds Casino marketing team, has not been formally presented to the Keizer City Council.

The proposed Tribal logo incorporates images from the Siletz's salmon with Spirit Mountain, as well as two irises, the city's emblematic flower.

A logo without the Tribes "was very different from the conversations we've had before, so we were a little stymied



about that," Tom said.

Tom asked the Keizer City Council to reconsider the recommended designs since the city had not contacted either Tribal Council about the city's three design proposals.

The Tribes have the final say on which design eventually goes on the water tower that stands along Interstate 5.

The City Council agreed that an improved design or no design would be better to present to the Tribal Councils. The three governments plan to meet and discuss a compromise.

Dec. 14 is the tentative date for a work session between the City Council and two Tribal governments.

The Tribes own the 20 acres on which the 500,000-gallon water tower stands. The city has an easement on the land for the tower, which the city built and owns.

Discussions have been occurring since 2007 on a design for the Chemawa Station water tower.

The Tribes' working water design was presented in late July to some Keizer officials, but not at a formal City Council.

"Everyone seems to think it's an attractive logo," Keizer City Manager Chris Eppley said in August, "and there are still discussions occurring."

The newspaper's online poll found its readers overwhelmingly favored the Tribal proposal with more than seven out of 10 picking it from four choices.

Includes information from the *Salem Statesman-Journal*. ■

## Family Fun Night



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Not liking where his brother, Tribal member Heyaza Brien, 12, played his checker, Tribal member Leo Norwest, 3, pulls it out of the board as the two play Connect 4 during Family Fun Night in the Tribal gymnasium on Friday, Nov. 6.



Tribal member Orrin Reid, 2, points to where the coyote is on the book page as Tribal Librarian and Tribal Elder Marion Mercier, also Reid's great-aunt, reads him "Coyote Steals the Blanket" during Family Fun Night.

## Tribal Council Christmas Party set for Dec. 5

The annual Tribal Council Christmas Party will be held 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in the Tribal gymnasium.

Between 11 and 11:45 a.m., children will visit with Santa Claus and parents and guardians are encouraged to bring cameras to take photos.

The invocation and meal will be at noon, followed at 1 p.m. by children singing Christmas carols, door prizes and contest winners.

The Christmas Stocking Decorating Contest will have two categories – ages 5 to 12 and 13 to 99. People need to bring their own stocking already decorated and the deadline for entries is noon. There will be first-, second- and third-place prizes for each category and all judges' decisions will be final.

People are encouraged to bring a gift of socks, gloves or mittens for children and/or foster children.

For more information, call Bonnie Mercier at 503-879-2016. ■