

Medicare Part B reimbursement notice for Tribal members

If you are a Grand Ronde Tribal member, have reached the age of retirement (65) or have started to receive Social Security Retirement or disability benefits through Social Security (SSD), you may be eligible to receive Medicare Part B benefits through the Tribe. To find out if you are eligible, or to get enrolled in Medicare Part B, please do the following: call toll-free 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or go online at www.medicare.gov. You will need to request an application for enrollment in Medicare Part B and return it to your local Social Security Office. Once you are enrolled in Medicare Part B through Social Security, you will need to call our office to request a Medicare Part B Reimbursement packet to apply. As a Grand Ronde Tribal member, the Tribe will reimburse your Medicare Part B premium each month at the standard rate.

Note: If you are currently on the Skookum Tribal Health Plan it is required that you accept Medicare Part B when you become eligible. By not accepting Medicare Part B, your coverage for medical expenses could be drastically reduced.

If you need a Medicare Part B reimbursement packet sent to you or have any questions regarding the Tribe's reimbursement program, please call Reina Nelson in Member Services at 503-879-2223 or toll-free at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2223. You may call Barbara Steere with questions regarding our Skookum Tribal Health Plan coverage at 503-879-2487 or toll-free at 1-800-749-2928. ■

Chemawa seeking School Board members

Chemawa Indian School in Salem is accepting nominations for three new School Board members from the states of Oregon, Montana and South Dakota.

Indian parents or legal guardians of students enrolled at Chemawa Indian School are encouraged to seek appointment to the board. However, any adult Indian who is interested in the future of Chemawa and dedicated to supporting and promoting the purposes and objectives of the board is eligible to be selected as a board member.

To be eligible, an individual must be a resident of the attendance area requested, be a member of a federally recognized Tribe and preferably a parent or guardian of a school-age student in the school, be 21 or older and not be an employee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Those interested can either submit a letter from their respective Tribal Council or submit a petition signed by not less than 10 qualified Indian voters from his or her state.

Either one of those along with the candidate's resume must be filed with Jon Claymore, Seattle Education Line Officer, 909 First Ave., Seattle, WA 98104, by Friday, July 15.

For more information, call Claymore at 206-220-7975. ■

Candidate forum will be held July 27

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Spirit Mountain Gaming Commission and a health coordinator at Providence Portland Medical Center.

- Kathryn Harrison, Roll #237, nominated **June Sell-Sherer**, Roll #735. Sherer is retired from service on Tribal Council (1999-2005, 2007-10) and lives in Grand Ronde.
- Violet Folden, Roll #625, nominated **LeLani Folden**, Roll #1939. Folden is on the board of directors of the Saddle Club and lives in Grand Ronde.
- Annabelle "Peachie" Hamm, Roll #605, nominated **Khani Schultz**, Roll #1395. Schultz is currently Tribal Cultural Collections coordinator and lives in Grand Ronde.
- Evelyn Seidel, Roll #308, nominated **Brenda Tuomi**, Roll #1438. Tuomi is an academic adviser at the University of Oregon and lives in Springfield.
- Denny Linton, Roll #4426, nominated **Michael Bolton**, Roll #4762. Bolton is not currently employed and lives in Willamina.
- Christina Trevino-Jungers, Roll #2626, nominated **Dakota Whitecloud**, Roll #1587. Whitecloud recently retired from almost 22 years of service in many Tribal government positions and lives in Grand Ronde.
- Tammara Bovee, Roll #2426, nominated **Clifford Olson**, Roll #2038. Olson has just graduated from Portland State University with a bachelor's degree in Human Services and lives in Eugene.
- Jan M. Reibach, Roll #3227, nominated **Jan D. Reibach**, Roll #668. Reibach owns a construction company, is a former Tribal Council member (2000-06) and lives in Willamina.
- Robert Nagel, Roll #4874, nominated **Harold Lyon**, Roll #4864. Lyon is retired, lives in Grand Ronde and serves on the Tribe's Rodeo Special Event Board and

Fish and Wildlife Committee.

- Bob Haller, Roll #226, nominated **Mark Mercier**, Roll #551. Mercier is retired from 15 years of service on Tribal Council (1984-99), many of which he served as Tribal chairman, and works for Round Valley Construction. He lives in Grand Ronde.
- Valarene Grout, Roll #268, nominated **Margaret Provost**, Roll #645. Provost, who is credited with helping get the Tribe's Restoration effort started, is retired from service on Tribal Council (1990-93, 1995-98) and lives in Grand Ronde.
- Stacey Running Bird, Roll #3294, nominated **Perri McDaniel**, Roll #2524. McDaniel is Eugene area office coordinator and lives in Grand Ronde.

All nominees accepted their nominations.

Ballots will be mailed to voters with verified signatures on July 27. Tribal members may create a verified signature card at any time up to and including Election Day, Saturday, Sept. 10.

Through July 25, Tribal member Penny DeLoe, chair of the Tribal Election Board, will be available to help during normal business hours in the Member Services office on the second floor of the Governance Building.

Other members of the Election Board are Joann Mercier, Sharon Hanson, Deanna Johnston, Janet Giddings and Michael Mercier.

Starting July 25 through Election Day, the Election Office in the Community Center building will be open 20 hours a week.

Candidate statements are due in the Publications office by 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, and will be featured in the following issue of *Tilixam Wawa*, slated to be mailed the week of July 26.

"*Tilixam Wawa* will be mailed out first class," said Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes, "so it should arrive very close to when the ballots arrive."

Candidates are limited to 600-word statements and candidates

2011 Tribal Council Nominees

Nominators	Nominees
Jean Turman	Westly "Buddy" West
Lonnie Leno	Reynold Leno
Leon Tom	Kathleen Tom
Chris Mercier	William "Wink" Soderberg
Jolanda Catabay	Denise Harvey
Kathryn Harrison	June Sell-Sherer
Violet Folden	LeLani Folden
Annabelle "Peachie" Hamm	Khani Schultz
Evelyn Seidel	Brenda Tuomi
Denny Linton	Michael Bolton
Christina Trevino-Jungers	Dakota Whitecloud
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are strongly encouraged to submit their statements via e-mail to news@grandronde.org or on a compact disc. Hand-written statements are discouraged to avoid transcription errors, Rhodes said, and late statements will not be accepted for any reason.

In addition, candidate statements will run "as is," meaning the Tribe's Publications staff will not edit the submissions in any way other than to ensure they meet the 600-word limitation.

A Tribal Council Candidate Forum will be held 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, in the Tribal gym.

Election results will be counted at the Community Center on Saturday, Sept. 10, and posted that evening on the Community Center's front doors.

This year's 17 candidates matches the number who ran for Tribal Council in 2002, but does not exceed the 18 who ran in 2009. Last year, 15 Tribal members threw their hats in the ring for Tribal Council. ■