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Experience wins ... again

Voters choose incumbents, former Tribal Council members to lead Tribe

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

For the second consecutive year, Tribal voters opted for Tribal Council incumbents and former Tribal Council members in picking the Tribe's leadership.

In the Sept. 10 election, Tribal Council Vice Chair Reyn Leno and Tribal Council Secretary Kathleen Tom were re-elected to new three-year terms while June Sherer, who took a year off from Tribal Council,

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Newly re-elected Tribal Council Vice Chair Reyn Leno, right, talks about election results with family members during the General Council meeting held at the Tribal Community Center on Sunday, Sept. 11. Family members include, counterclockwise from second from right, Tribal member and sister Barbara Steere, Tribal member and cousin Dave Leno, wife Liz Leno and Tribal member and cousin Dana Leno-Alnam. Reyn Leno was top vote-getter with 431 votes.

BACK AT THE TABLE



Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy signs a memorandum of understanding as Edward Shepard, Bureau of Land Management state director for Oregon and Washington, middle, and Russell Hoefflich, Oregon director of The Nature Conservancy, wait to also sign the agreement during a signing ceremony at Lower Table Rock in Medford on Saturday, Sept. 10.

Tribal members, from left, Tiffany Tonso, Gracie Mercier, Kathy Cole, Hattie Mercier and Sophia Morningstar Stewart sing an honor song led by Travis Stewart during a memorandum of understanding signing ceremony.

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Change in medication threatens Reibach's life

By Ron Karten
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Medication can sometimes save a life. And a change in medication can sometimes threaten it.

A case in point is Tribal member and Tribal Lands Manager Jan Michael Reibach, who was diagnosed with a hereditary case of Protein Enzyme C Deficiency in 1994.

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Nora Kimsey

Dec. 2, 1908 - Sept. 7, 2011

Tribal Elder Nora Kimsey, 102, walked peacefully on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2011.

Kimsey was the Tribe's eldest Elder and was an important part of the Grand Ronde community during the Tribe's quest for Restoration in the early 1980s. At the request of her family, a feature story about her life will appear in the Oct. 1 issue of *Smoke Signals* instead of today's edition.

Her funeral service was held Monday, Sept. 12, in the Tribal gymnasium and interment occurred in the Tribal cemetery. ■