

## Generational competition



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

**Braden Ebensteiner, 17, looks to throw a horseshoe in a game of horseshoes during the Elder-Youth tournaments held at the Elders' Activity Center on Monday, Sept. 17. Youth in grades 6-12 and Elders played horseshoes, ladder golf and bingo in the event planned by the Tribe's Youth Education Department. Ebensteiner and his partner, JC Rogers, 11, played this round against Elder Bill Simmons, background, and his partner Dakota Ross, 11.**



**Dakota Ross, 11, gives a bingo dabber to Elder Val Grout as he passes them out in preparation for bingo to be played during the Elder-Youth tournaments at the Elders' Activity Center on Monday, Sept. 17. Gift cards were given to the winners of the bingo games and first, second and third place for the horseshoe and ladder golf games.**

## Committee seeks Elders' phone numbers

The Tribal Elders Committee is working on a volunteer phone list of Elders. If you would like to submit your phone number and address to be available to other Elders, send it to [elders.committee@grandronde.org](mailto:elders.committee@grandronde.org) or leave a message at 503-879-2231. ■

## Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

Below is the most current information on the meeting days and times for Tribal Committees and Special Event Boards:

- **Ceremonial Hunt Board** meets as needed. Chair: Shonn Leno.
- **Cultural Trust Board** meets at 4 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in Modular No. 2. Chair: Perri McDaniel.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Modular No. 3. Chair: CeCe Kneeland.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:15 p.m. on the first Monday of the month in the Adult Education Building. Chair: Tammy Cook.
- **Elders' Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders' Activity Center. Chair: Gladys Hobbs.
- **Enrollment Committee** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Building. Acting Chair: Robert Schmid.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources Building. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month in the Tribal Wellness Center. Acting Chair: Patti Tom-Martin.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets at 5 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Tribal Community Center. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **Rodeo Special Event Board** meets at 6 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Tribal Rodeo Office. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- **Social Services Committee** meets at 4 p.m. the second Monday of the month in the Social Services Conference Room. Chair: Jenny Sanchez.
- **Timber Committee** meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources Building. Chair: Bob Mercier.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 4 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month in the Tribal Community Center. Chair: Gene LaBonte.

## Council picks Leno as Tribal chair

*Giffen Jr., McClary elected as vice chair, secretary*

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals editor*

After 16 consecutive years of serving on Tribal Council, Reyn Leno is now Tribal chairman.

Leno, who has served many years as vice chair, was elected 5-4 as Tribal chair during the Sept. 12 Tribal Council meeting.

Leno voted for himself and was supported by Toby McClary, Jack Giffen Jr., Steve Bobb Sr. and June Sherer to become the official leader of the Tribe.

Longtime Tribal Chairwoman Cheryl A. Kennedy, who served 10

years as Tribal chair, received four votes. She voted for herself and was supported by Kathleen Tom, Chris Mercier and newly-elected Jon A. George.

"I want to thank the council for electing me," Leno said after the vote. "I want to acknowledge Cheryl Kennedy's years as chair. I will do the best job I can do."

Kennedy and Giffen were then nominated for vice chair. Giffen won the vote 5-4.

George and McClary were nominated for secretary with McClary winning the post in a 6-3 vote. ■

## Restoration Celebration set for Nov. 18

The Tribe will celebrate its 29th anniversary of Restoration on Sunday, Nov. 18, in the Tribal plankhouse and gym.

Members interested in volunteering to help plan the event should call Public Affairs at 503-879-1418.

The day will begin with a gathering in the plankhouse, followed by a meal served in the Tribal gym and then a powwow.

The Tribe was officially restored on Nov. 22, 1983, by President Ronald Reagan after 29 years of Termination. The celebration is being held on Nov. 18 because Thanksgiving falls on the 22nd this year. ■

## Special General Council meeting set

A special General Council meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at the Valley River Inn, 1000 Valley River Way, Eugene, to brief area Tribal members on the private gaming initiative.

Lunch will be served at noon. Contact Tribal Council Senior Administrative Assistant Lauri Smith at 503-879-1305 for more information. ■

## Education Open House set for Oct. 3

The Tribe's Education staff will hold a barbecue while teaching more about educational services offered at an Education Division Open House at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, in the Youth Education covered area.

There also will be a raffle drawing and book giveaway in the Tribal Library. ■

## Festival includes encampment

The Grand Ronde Tribe will hold a Tribal Encampment from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, as part of the three-day Willamette Falls Festival, which will commemorate the grand re-opening of the historic Oregon City-West Linn Arch Bridge.

The encampment, to be held at Clackamette Park, will feature Native American drumming, dancing and craft demonstrations.

The Willamette Falls Festival will be held from Friday, Oct. 12, through Sunday, Oct. 14.

For more information, visit [www.willamettefallsfestival.com](http://www.willamettefallsfestival.com). ■

## Elders' Halloween Costume Party slated for Oct. 27

The Elders' Halloween Costume Party will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, in the Elders' Activity Center.

Elders and their guests should call the center at 503-879-2233 to sign up for the event. For more information, contact Elder Cherie Butler at 503-879-6371 or 503-560-8877. ■

## ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

### COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

**Veterans Special Event Board** 1 Vacancy

Please send completed applications to the Lauri Smith, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.