

## Historic mural



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

From left, Heyaza Brien, Anna Jeffers and Alexandria Thorsgard stand in front of the mural, which was created by the Grand Ronde Mural Project, during a Mural Celebration held on Monday, Oct. 15. Earlier this year the three Tribal youth were chosen as interns to help paint the mural that is now hanging above the maintenance shed next to the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority building, at the entrance to the Tribe's housing development, for the whole community to enjoy. The 64-foot-long mural depicts 12 images in a historical chronology of Grand Ronde Tribal history.

## Veterans' committee seeking donations

The Tribe's Veterans' Special Event Board is looking for quality items for a Fallen Warriors dinner and silent auction to be held 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall in Willamina.

Donations can be dropped off at the Elders' Activity Center, specified as a donation for the Veterans' board or Fallen Warriors dinner. ■

### Bernando teaches Wawa in Portland office

Tribal member Eric Bernando teaches Chinuk Wawa language classes from 5:30 to 8:20 p.m. Wednesday at the Portland office, 4445 S.W. Barbur Blvd., Suite 101. For more information, contact Bernando at [ChinukWawa@gmail.com](mailto:ChinukWawa@gmail.com) or at 503-709-3017. ■

## Tribal Council adopts trespass ordinance

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Tribal Council adopted a new trespass and exclusion ordinance at its Oct. 24 meeting.

The new ordinance is designed "to protect the integrity and security of the Tribe as a whole, and enrolled Tribal members as individuals and as a community."

The ordinance gives the Tribe's General Manager the authority to issue a trespass/exclusion notice to a person who is on Tribal property that is not open to the public, in violation of a prominently posted notice against trespass, has received notice that the property is not open to him or her or has been requested to leave by someone with actual or apparent authority to do so.

In addition, the General Manager can issue a trespass/exclusion notice if someone is violating three standards of conduct:

- 1) Doing or threatening to do any act upon Tribal land which seriously threatens the peace, health, safety, morals or general welfare of the Tribe, its members or other persons on Tribal land;
- 2) Doing or threatening to do any act upon Tribal land which seriously threatens the environment of the land, water, natural resources, air or other natural land or topographical feature on Tribal land or which would in any way threaten the environmental quality of life for the Tribe, its members and other persons on Tribal land;

- 3) Exploring for or excavating upon items, sites or locations of historic, religious or scientific significance without authority from the Tribe or in violation of Tribal or federal laws or regulations.

The law requires the General Manager to issue a written notice and violation is a civil infraction punishable by a \$500 fine for each violation. The ordinance also says that Tribal services, Tribal member benefits and other Tribally funded need and non-need based payments and access to Tribal property may be terminated pending compliance by a violator who is a Tribal member.

Appeals would first go to the General Manager and then Tribal Court.

"This ordinance has been talked about for quite some time," said Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno. "This ordinance is basically something that we view as is important to protect our membership ... a lot of it over in housing, and our employees here at the Tribe. We don't really have anything in place right now, but this is the first step toward that."

"From past experiences over the past year, council has been very frustrated in that we felt that we couldn't protect our membership, couldn't protect our employees. This is the result. This is the maximum of what we have available to us today. ... This is just the first piece of it. We're going to keep tightening this up." ■

## Elders' garage sale seeking donations

Tribal Elders are regularly seeking donations for fundraising garage sales. To donate an item or items, contact Tribal Elders Linda Brandon at 971-267-0918 or Duane Wheeler at 541-992-3254. ■

# Both measures remain on ballot

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Grange, posted on her Facebook page after the announcement a brief statement: "Know when to fold."

The pro-measure effort was funded by Canadian gaming firms Great Canadian Gaming Corp of Vancouver, British Columbia, and Clairvest of Toronto, as well as wealthy Lake Oswego businessmen Bruce Studer and Matt Rossman. In 2010, Oregon voters defeated the idea 68 percent to 32 percent.

But all the TV ads and slick mailers were not changing voter's minds and strong political opposition from current Gov. John Kitzhaber and three former governors — Vic Atiyeh, Barbara Roberts and Ted Kulongoski — made the effort even more difficult. In addition, both the Republican and Democratic parties in Oregon urged their members to vote "no" on the measures.

"In the last few weeks it appears to

the campaign team that not enough Oregon voters are ready to add a private casino to the state's gaming options," Dycus said in a prepared statement announcing the end of the pro-measure campaign.

As in 2010, the private casino measures were opposed by all nine Oregon Tribes and the Oregon Restaurant Association. This year, the It's Still a Bad Idea Committee joined the fray.

Opponents argued that a private casino in Oregon would detrimentally affect Tribal revenues, which fund Tribal governmental operations like health care, education and social services, and also would have a disastrous effect on the Oregon Lottery, which funds many important state services.

Kitzhaber recorded a TV commercial in opposition to the measures, arguing that Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes kept their promises to the state and that the state should keep its promise to the Tribes that private casinos will not

be allowed within its borders.

The news arrived in Grand Ronde just as Tribal Council was meeting with Tribal lobbyist Justin Martin regarding anti-measure efforts. The Grand Ronde Tribe remained steadfastly opposed to the measures, which, if passed, would have a significant negative effect on Spirit Mountain Casino revenues that fund Tribal governmental operations. The Tribe was a principal financial supporter of the anti-measure campaign.

Despite the withdrawal of support, both measures remain on the Nov. 6 ballot and Grand Ronde Tribal officials continue to encourage Oregonians to cast "no" votes on the measures to send a clear message again to their proponents.

Cynara Lilly of the It's Still a Bad Idea Committee said anti-measure activists would continue to communicate the message that the proposals are a bad deal for Oregon through Election Day.

"We still think it's really impor-

tant to educate voters about the reality of these measures," Lilly said. "We think we need to keep having that conversation all the way up to Election Day."

"Clearly, Oregon voters were seeing through what the proponents were trying to spin, and that in reality this wasn't even close to being 'Good for Oregon,'" Martin said. "It was going to be good for them and bad for the state."

"Shifting gaming dollars from the certainty of what we have now, governmental programs that provide for public good to gaming dollars with a smaller amount to Oregon and a greater amount in terms of private profits for them, just doesn't make sense."

"The Oregon electorate is once again refusing to be fooled or tricked by the vague promises of two wealthy gentlemen from Lake Oswego and their foreign backers. While this is great news, we need to be mindful of the reality that these measures are still on the ballot." ■