

Members briefed on economic development, '13 budget

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Held mostly in executive session, the Nov. 11 General Council meeting in the Tribal Community Center in Grand Ronde briefed the Tribal membership on economic development projects and the preliminary 2013 Tribal budget.

Since the two presentations were held in executive session, *Smoke Signals* cannot report on the specifics.

Tribal Economic Development Director Titu Asghar briefed Tribal members on three projects currently being worked on by his department during an 11-minute presentation. He fielded three questions from Tribal members and was complimented by Tribal Council Chair Reyn Leno on the work he and his department is doing.

Tribal Finance Officer Julio Martinez then briefed those in attendance about the proposed 2013 Tribal budget during a 30-minute presentation. After the lunch break, four Tribal members commented and asked questions about the proposed budget.

Tribal members have until 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, to submit comments about the proposed budget, which was detailed in the most recent *Tilixam Wawa* sent to the membership.

Not occurring in executive session was an honoring of Tribal veterans in attendance since the General Council meeting was held on Veterans Day.

Leno, himself a Vietnam War-era veteran of the Marine Corps, asked

veterans in attendance to stand and receive a certificate for a free meal at the Coyote Buffet at Spirit Mountain Casino.

Those honored included Navy veterans Veronica Gaston, Bob Duncan, Wink Soderberg and Gene LaBonte; Marine Corps veterans Alton Butler, Les McKnight, Ken Lafferty and Frank Simmons, who also served in the Army; and Army veterans Jan Michael Reibach and Dwight Colton. Also honored were Leno and Tribal Council members Steve Bobb Sr. (Marine Corps) and June Sherer (Army).

General Council attendees then went outside under threatening skies to watch Leno, Bobb and Sherer place a wreath at the West Valley Veterans Memorial while Reibach played taps on Native flute.

Leno thanked Native veterans for their patriotism and making Native Americans the minority with the highest participation per capita in the U.S. military.

Bobb said that he is often asked why Native Americans volunteer to defend the nation that was taken from them.

"We are descended from warriors," Bobb said. "If someone threatens this nation, they will be met by a fierce fighting force of Native Americans."

Tribal Council member Jon A. George also thanked Native veterans for their service to the country.

Tribal Elder Val Grout asked that her uncle, Eugene Hudson, be remembered as a World War II



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach, right, plays taps on the flute after, from left, Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno and Tribal Council members June Sherer and Steve Bobb Sr. laid a wreath at the West Valley Veterans Memorial on the Tribal campus during the General Council meeting held on Sunday, Nov. 11. The wreath was in honor of Veterans Day and all four are veterans.

veteran since he is unable to attend General Council meetings because of health issues.

The next General Council meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, in the Tribal Community Center.

Eric Bernando won the \$100 door prize while Les McKnight, Noah George and Kathy Soderberg won the \$50 door prizes and Linda LaChance won a necklace donated by Tribal Council member Jon A. George. ■

Tribal Court closure

Beginning Sept. 7 and throughout the remainder of the year, the Tribal Court will be closed to the public from 8 a.m. to noon Friday to allow time for staff to complete administrative projects.

Thank you for your patience. ■

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 Elders' Activity Center. Chair: Gene LaBonte.

Family Movie Night showing 'Arthur Christmas'

The Tribe's Youth Prevention Program and the Community Awareness Team will be holding the next Family Movie Night at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, in the Tribal gym. Showing will be "Arthur Christmas."

Although Youth Prevention will not be serving dinner, there will be healthy snacks, water and juices.

For more information, contact Shannon Stanton at 503-879-1489, Amber Mercier at 503-879-2162 or Tina Lara at 503-879-2040. ■

Adult Members' Trust and Minors' Custodial & Rabbi Trust Funds

Effective Aug. 20, 2012, investments in the Adult Members' Trust Fund and the Minors' Custodial and Rabbi Trust Funds are updated each business day. If you are a trust participant and/or if you are the parent/guardian of a minor member, you can access and review your balance and your minor child's balance by visiting www.401Save.com.

To log-in, the initial User ID is your (or your child's) Social Security number, and the initial Password is "00" followed by your (or your child's) membership number. Once logged in, you can customize your User ID and password for security purposes.

If you have any trouble logging in to or using the system, contact the 401Save Call Center at 1-888-700-0808 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday. ■

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

Education Committee 1 Vacancy

Please send completed applications to Stacia Martin, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

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 or leave a message at 503-879-2231. ■