

Tribe creates Enrollment Audit hotline

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde has created an Enrollment Audit hotline with which to collect frequently asked questions from the Tribal membership.

The goal of the hotline is to develop a list of commonly asked questions regarding the audit information that was distributed in the April *Tilixam Wawa*.

The answers to those questions will be published in an upcoming *Tilixam Wawa*, as well as be distributed to the membership in an information packet.

Please ask general questions only; please do not leave personal inquiries regarding yourself or family.

The toll-free phone number is 877-645-2641. ■



Dear fellow Tribal members:

Looking back on the first six months of the year, a lot can be said about the Tribe and where we're headed. I have to say I have never been prouder of who we are and what we have to look forward to in the future. With a rebounding economy, we hope to take advantage of opportunities that will put our Tribe and our membership in the forefront and create new paths for future generations. I'm looking forward to the second half of 2013 and would like to take a moment to update you on some of the things we've been working on.

• 2013 Veterans Summit: A Gathering of Warriors

This year the Tribe hosted the Native Wellness Institute's first-ever Veterans Summit. The four-day summit was attended by more than 300 veterans, family members and supporters. It was a great opportunity for us to bring veterans and veterans service providers together to provide our brave men and women with health checks, veterans' service information, workshops and healing circles. We look forward to having another Veterans Summit and are extremely grateful for our staff and everyone who participated.

• Oral History Project

This year our Land and Culture Department has focused some of its efforts on collecting oral histories from Tribal members. Project fliers have been completed by Culture staff and will be circulated in *Smoke Signals* and are available on our Tribal campus. The project is a great way to preserve our Tribal history and we hope to get as many people as we can to participate.

• Tribal Police Department

As we entered 2013, the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department was just beginning to take shape. Now, six months later, we have a fully functional police department and have hired on two new police officers and a police trainee. The department is doing a great job of patrolling the reservation and is doing a number of things to help improve public safety on and near Tribal lands.

• Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance

The Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) is ready for Tribal Council adoption. Tribal Council and staff will now be working through the recruitment process for a TERO director and will be developing policies and procedures to implement a successful TERO program.

• 2014 Budget Priorities

Last month, Tribal Council began discussing 2014 budget priorities. As with years past, Tribal Council plans on being actively involved in the 2014 budget process and is looking forward to another successful year full of projects that will benefit our Tribe and our membership.

• Women's Transitional House

A few weeks ago, Tribal Council approved the construction contract for the Women's Transitional House renovation and addition. The project will include a full renovation and a 2,135-square-foot one-story addition. Currently, the project is on track and should be completed this fall.

• Chachalu

Recently, "Chachalu" (Place of Burnt Timber) was chosen by Tribal Council as the name for the new Museum and Cultural Center. In the coming months the museum's capital campaign will be under way and we should continue to see progress on the Museum and Cultural Center.

• HR 841 Grand Ronde Reservation Act Amendment

On May 16, 2013, I testified before the House Committee on Natural Resources on H.R. 841, a bill to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act. The bill would not only save us time and money, but would also streamline the Department of the Interior's land-into-trust responsibilities. On June 12, 2013, that same bill passed unanimously out of the House Committee on Natural Resources. The bill has since been placed on the Union Calendar and awaits action in the House.

• Enrollment Audit

While we know the enrollment audit is not an easy thing for our Tribe, our Tribal members or our employees, it is important to note that it is an important step in creating an accurate historical record. We ask for everyone's patience at this time as the process moves forward. We will be keeping our members up to date as developments occur and thank you for your understanding.

• Quarterly Meetings

This year, Tribal Council has focused some of its efforts on strengthening our government-to-government relationships. Since January, we have had five quarterly meetings with neighboring counties and two quarterly meetings with the Governor's Office. We hope to continue on this path and look forward to future meetings with our local elected officials.

• Casino Improvements

As some of you may have already noticed, there are several improvements under way at Spirit Mountain Casino. The casino recently added and completed a new e-bar and gift shop and plans on opening a business center and fitness center for visitors. With the economy slowly improving, our hope is that these new amenities will appeal to our clientele and provide them with services they want and need.

I believe this is a testament to how hard your Tribal Council and Tribal employees are working for the membership. I look forward to reporting to you again at the end of the year to reflect on the next set of great things the Tribe is pursuing.

Sincerely,

Reynold L. Leno

Tribal Council Chairman

Official Tribal Facebook pages

- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde:
www.facebook.com/CTGRgov
- Grand Ronde Tribal Council:
www.facebook.com/TheConfederatedTribesOfGrandRondeTribalCouncil
- Grand Ronde Higher Education:
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- Grand Ronde Youth Education:
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- Spirit Mountain Community Fund:
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- Grand Ronde Station:
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ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

Education Committee	1 Vacancy
Fish & Wildlife Committee	1 Vacancy
Rodeo SEB	1 Vacancy

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

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: Marline Groshong.
- **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 the Land & Culture Department conference room. Acting Chair: Betty Bly.
- **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. 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. 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 3 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the Tribal Community Center. Chair: Gene LaBonte.