

## 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. ■

## Official Tribal Facebook pages

- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde:  
[www.facebook.com/CTGRgov](http://www.facebook.com/CTGRgov)
- Grand Ronde Tribal Council:  
[www.facebook.com/TheConfederatedTribesOfGrandRondeTribalCouncil](http://www.facebook.com/TheConfederatedTribesOfGrandRondeTribalCouncil)
- Grand Ronde Higher Education:  
[www.facebook.com/grand.r.ed](http://www.facebook.com/grand.r.ed)
- Grand Ronde Youth Education:  
[www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthEducation](http://www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthEducation)
- Spirit Mountain Community Fund:  
[www.facebook.com/SpiritMountainCommunityFund](http://www.facebook.com/SpiritMountainCommunityFund)
- Grand Ronde Station:  
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- Grand Ronde Royalty:  
[www.facebook.com/TheConfederatedTribesofGrandRondeRoyalty](http://www.facebook.com/TheConfederatedTribesofGrandRondeRoyalty)
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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 at the Elders' Activity Center. Chair: Perri McDaniel.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Land & Culture Department conference room. 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.

## A Spartan existence



Photo by Ron Karten

Tribal Council gifted Tribal Council member Chris Mercier with a plaque and a blanket as he retires from the job he has held for three terms, since 2004, including a term as Tribal Council Chairman. "I've formed relationships that I'll carry through the rest of my life," he said. "I consider myself very privileged." Mercier planned to leave for law school at Michigan State University early in the week of Aug. 5 and because he was not serving the last month of his term, he presented General Manager Mark Johnston with a check for that last month's salary, \$5,000, as the first gift to the capital campaign for the Tribal Museum and Cultural Center. "I wanted to go out showing appreciation," he said.

## Tribal Council OKs two timber sales

By Dean Rhodes

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Tribal Council approved two timbers sales during its July 31 meeting.

During the July 30 Legislative Action Committee meeting, Tribal Timber and Roads Program Manager Jeff Kuust said the Catface Two Logging Unit sale will include three cutting areas totaling 55.6 acres.

Kuust said 1.7 million board feet will be harvested and sold to the Tribe's Round Valley LLC.

Catface will be the first timber sale under the Natural Resources Department's new 10-year management plan.

In addition, the Right of Way Logging Unit sale will harvest 304,000 board feet, said Senior Forester Zach Haas.

Both timber sales are scheduled to be completed by Nov. 30.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved the Tribe's application to the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board for a Public

Health Accreditation and Quality Assurance grant;

- Approved a \$1.3 million construction contract for the first phase of the cultural center/museum renovation project to Gerding Builders of Corvallis. The first phase will be completed by Dec. 31, said Tribal Engineering Manager Jesse White;
- Approved the enrollment of one infant into the Tribe.

Also included in the July 31 Tribal Council packet was an authorization to proceed with a capital campaign to raise funds for the museum/cultural center, which has been christened "Chachalu (Place of the Burning Timber)."

Another authorization to proceed gave staff from Land and Culture, Natural Resources and Education permission to pursue an agreement with Dartmouth College in New Hampshire for Tribal collaboration on studies relating to the integration of cultural plant management into Tribal lands management. ■

## Youth Center seeks volunteers

The Tina Miller Community Center Thrift Store, 110 B. St., Willamina, helps fund the after-school and weekend youth community center located in the old Willamina High School gym.

The thrift store is seeking volunteers who can help run the store, in addition to donated items and customers. The store accepts clothes, books, knickknacks, etc., as donations. It is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and closed Sunday and Monday.

Donations also can be left at the Wildwood Hotel and Restaurant in Willamina. For more information on volunteering, call 503-876-7897.

The youth center and thrift store are nonprofit and 100 percent self-sustaining and volunteer-run. ■