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Important notice to full-time students

All full-time students must submit verification that they have applied to a scholarship outside the Tribe BEFORE funding will be released for the term/semester. Verification can include a scholarship award or denial letter, e-mail verification that an application was submitted, a copy of the application or the financial aid award letter that lists an outside scholarship. Please contact Education at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2275, if you have any questions. ■



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Newly re-elected Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr. takes the oath of office as he is sworn in during the swearing-in ceremony for recently elected Tribal Council members in Council chambers on Wednesday, Sept. 11. Behind him are Denise Harvey and Ed Pearsall, who also were sworn in.



Newly elected Tribal Council member Denise Harvey receives a congratulatory hug from Vikki Bishop after the swearing-in ceremony for the recently elected Tribal Council members in Council chambers on Wednesday, Sept. 11.



Newly elected Tribal Council member Ed Pearsall, right, talks with Danny Provost after the swearing-in ceremony for recently elected Tribal Council members in Council chambers on Wednesday, Sept. 11.

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Official election results of the 2013 Grand Ronde Tribal Election are:

*Denise Harvey.....	444
*Ed Pearsall.....	412
*Jack Giffen, Jr.....	359
Brenda Tuomi (Jeffers).....	320
Steven L. Bobb, Sr.....	309
Brent Merrill.....	258
Kevin Simmons.....	252
Mark Mercier.....	222
Ed Larsen.....	212
Kalene L. Contreras.....	160
Lonnie Leno.....	139
Cory Meneley.....	110

*Top seat winners

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confident during the election process, but you never know in the end how it is going to turn out."

In 2012, Harvey missed being elected to Tribal Council by 10 votes, finishing fourth. She finished fifth in 2011, sixth in 2010 and ninth in 2009 and 2008.

Harvey said she thinks the election results reflect an engaged Tribal membership that is seeking some change on Tribal Council.

"I think the people are just wanting some change and definitely that came through," she said. "I think that all of my years of running and my perseverance ... I think the membership has a lot of confidence in me and I think the votes show that."

"I think overall, in general, the membership is a lot more engaged in what's going on in the Tribe and paying a lot more attention to what's going on than in previous years. What I found is that people, if you respected their inquiry and you answered their questions, you took their questions and concerns as valuable information, they took it sincerely."

Harvey said she thinks she picked up some Chris Mercier support. He nominated Harvey for Tribal Council on June 30.

"He's been a supporter of mine for the last several years," Harvey said, "so I think he definitely was a big help for me."

Pearsall, who is returning to Tribal Council after a decade absence, said he was inspired to run

for Tribal Council again because he thought Tribal leadership had forgotten about the membership.

"I think the membership wanted change," Pearsall said. "I'm more into seeing that our membership gets more. I think council, in my opinion, has gotten lax in helping the membership, especially outside the community."

"I'm here for the membership. I'm here to support the membership. I felt council was losing its direction and my function of getting on council will be that this belongs to the membership. Let's give to them what we can."

Pearsall served three terms on Tribal Council between 1994 and 2003.

Giffen said this term, which will end in September 2016, will be his last on Tribal Council.

"My grandkids at the end of the three years will be playing school sports and I want to enjoy that," he said.

Of the 3,924 Tribal members eligible to vote, 1,205 cast ballots for a 26.9 percent turnout, a 5.5 percent decrease from 2012. It was the first time turnout has dipped below 30 percent since 2010, when 29 percent of eligible voters cast ballots.

Harvey becomes the 43rd Tribal member to serve on Tribal Council since Restoration occurred on Nov. 22, 1983.

Harvey, Pearsall and Giffen were sworn into office on Wednesday, Sept. 11. Later that day, Giffen was re-elected by Tribal Council to serve as vice chair. ■