

## 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
- **Grand Ronde Tribal Council:**  
www.facebook.com/TheConfederatedTribesOfGrandRondeTribalCouncil
- **Grand Ronde Higher Education:**  
www.facebook.com/grand.r.ed
- **Grand Ronde Youth Education:**  
www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthEducation
- **Spirit Mountain Community Fund:**  
www.facebook.com/SpiritMountainCommunityFund
- **Grand Ronde Station:**  
www.facebook.com/GrandRondeStation
- **Grand Ronde Royalty:**  
www.facebook.com/TheConfederatedTribesofGrandRondeRoyalty
- **Spirit Mountain Stampede:**  
www.facebook.com/SpiritMountainStampede

## ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

### COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

<b>Education Committee</b>	<b>2 Vacancies</b>
<b>Rodeo SEB</b>	<b>1 Vacancy</b>

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 5 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the Tribal Community Center. Chair: Gene LaBonte.

## Tribal Council sends constitutional amendments to Tribal voters

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals* editor

Tribal Council voted 5-1 at its Nov. 20 meeting to send two constitutional amendments to Tribal voters that would, if approved, remove Bureau of Indian Affairs oversight over Tribal elections and institute term limits for those who serve on Tribal Council.

The two resolutions adopted by Tribal Council request that the Secretary of the Interior authorize the calling of an election on both matters.

The first amendment would free Tribal elections from federal oversight. Currently, the Bureau of Indian Affairs is insufficiently funded to conduct Tribal elections and waiting for the bureau to schedule them delays Tribal governmental processes.

Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno said the Tribe has talked with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the bureau officials are in favor of the amendment.

The second amendment would institute a consecutive three-term limit on new Tribal Council members. After three consecutive three-year terms, a Tribal Council member would have to take a year off before seeking re-election.

The amendment would only apply to those terms where the election occurs on or after the amendment is adopted.

Tribal Council member Denise Harvey opposed both amendments because of the time that has transpired since the survey was taken and when the directives were signed by Tribal Council.

To change the Tribal Constitution, at least 30 percent of Tribal members registered to vote must cast ballots and the proposed amendment must receive more than two-thirds of the vote.

In a 2010 non-binding survey, Tribal members supported term limits, which were endorsed by 75.5 percent (701-227) of those responding. Almost 61 percent of those responding said they favor

two terms as the limit for Tribal Council service while a combined 93 percent of respondents said that a maximum of three terms or less should be the limit.

In the same survey, Tribal members supported creating a primary election process 582-366, or 61.4 percent in favor. However, the primary election amendment fell 13 votes shy of adoption during a June 2012 election.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Declared Friday, Dec. 13, as the payment date for per capita and the Tribal member timber revenue payment;
  - Approved applying for a \$27,384 Institute for Museum and Library Services grant for the new Tribal museum, Chachalu;
  - Approved applying for a \$13,484 grant from the Three Rivers Foundation in support of Chachalu;
  - Approved applying to the state for the Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services and STOP Violence Against Women Act grants. Both grants pay \$10,000 per year for two years;
  - Approved applying for three year's worth of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Aging funds;
  - Set the agenda for the Dec. 1 General Council meeting, which starts at 10 a.m. The program report will be from the Natural Resources Department and Elders' Committee nominations will be accepted;
  - And approved enrollment of two infants into the Tribe and the disenrollment of one Tribal member for violating the Tribal Constitution prohibition against being dually enrolled.
- Also included in the Nov. 20 Tribal Council packet were authorizations to proceed to donate a total of \$3,000 to the Grand Ronde Community Resource Center to buy Thanksgiving dinner food box ingredients for 60 meals and to purchase protein-rich food for Food Bank clients. ■

## Community resources

**The Clothing Closet on the Tribal campus.**

- 10 a.m. to noon Monday;
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

**Grand Ronde Food Bank, 9600 Hebo Road, Grand Ronde.**

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday.
- Contact: 503-879-5731. ■

## Transportation to Grand Ronde for Tribal members

The Portland Office has transportation day to Grand Ronde once a month for medical, dental appointments or enrollment cards. We need a minimum of 3 people to sign up. Please call Lisa



503-235-4230

We will leave at the Portland Office at 8 a.m.

Please call in advance for the scheduled monthly date