

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

New Year's Luncheon slated

The Youth Education and Nutrition departments invite Elders, employees, families and community members to a New Year's Luncheon at noon Thursday, Jan. 2, in the Elders' Activity Center.

Youth will be preparing a variety of traditional New Year's foods, learning about the history of each and participating in the meal delivery for the day.

After lunch, Elders are invited to join in a board game tournament, which will be held at the Youth Education building.

For more information, contact Youth Education Administrative Assistant Tiffany Mercier at 503-879-2101. ■

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 enrolls 16 new members into Tribe

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council voted to enroll 16 people into the Tribe at its Dec. 4 meeting.

The enrollments of 15 adults and one infant into the Tribe were approved. Two of the adults were Tribal members who had previously been disenrolled, but now meet the enrollment requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

Also on Dec. 4, Tribal Council announced it has suspended live streaming of meetings on the Tribal Web site. Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno read a statement regarding the decision.

"Tribal Council decided to begin live streaming in order to provide timely access to the Tribal membership about Tribal Council business," Leno said. "Concerns about broadcasts going to an audience beyond the membership have prompted Tribal Council to halt live streaming at this time. The council has a fiduciary obligation to protect Tribal assets. With our current technology, we cannot limit the broadcast to Tribal members only. Until further notice, meetings will be recorded and uploaded to the Tribal Web site in a timely manner.

"DVDs of meetings (indicating whether they have been edited or not) will be available for a cost of \$5 each. These DVDs will be available to Tribal members from Tribal Council Executive Coordinator Stacia Martin."

The staff directive suspending the live broadcasting of the meetings on the Internet was approved

on Nov. 26 by five Tribal Council members.

In other action on Dec. 4, Tribal Council:

- Approved Tribal grant agreements with the state to provide funds for operation of Health Preparedness and Public Health Emergency Preparedness program activities.
- Appointed Tribal member Bryan Mercier to the Grand Ronde Gaming Commission. He will serve out the remainder of the term left vacant when Harvey was elected to Tribal Council in September.
- Appointed Charles Schwab Bank as the trustee of the trust established as part of the Tribe's retirement plan.

Also included in the Dec. 4 Tribal Council packet was an authorization to proceed for Oregon State University graduate student Mike Jager to shoot footage and develop an eBook on the Tribe's 30th Restoration Celebration held Nov. 22-23. The eBook will be available in the iTunes library.

In addition, Tribal Council moved its regularly scheduled Jan. 1 meeting to Monday, Dec. 30, to accommodate the New Year's Day holiday and OK'd allocating \$9,000 to each Tribal Council member for individual travel expenses in 2014.

"After a member's \$9,000 is expended, Tribal Council members must receive written authorization from a majority of council to incur additional travel expenses," the authorization to proceed states.

Tribal members Jordan Mercier, Jade Unger and George opened the meeting with a cultural drumming presentation. ■

Graves teaches basket class

Tribal Elder Connie Graves teaches a basket weaving class, which is open to the public, at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Elders' Activity Center.

For more information, contact Tribal Cultural Education Specialist Brian Krehbiel at 503-879-4639 or brian.krehbiel@grandronde.org. ■

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

