

High-level farewells

Tribal General Manager Mark Johnston and Tribal Finance Officer Julio Martinez recently resigned their positions with the Tribe. A farewell party was held for both of them at the Tribal Community Center on Thursday, May 15, during which Tribal Elder Val Grout said the invocation.



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Council member June Sherer, left, and Tribal Council Chair Reyn Leno, right, gifted Johnston a Pendleton blanket during the farewell party. He began working for the Tribe in 2007 as the Tribe's executive director of Health Services. He has accepted a new job as the assistant executive director of the Coquille Indian Tribe to be closer to his family in southern Oregon. His last day in Grand Ronde was Friday, May 23.



Tribal Council member June Sherer, left, and Tribal Council Chair Reyn Leno, right, gift Martinez a Pendleton blanket during the farewell party. He started with the Tribe in 2011 and resigned to take a job back in Florida. His last day with the Tribe was Friday, May 16. Chris Leno has been named interim general manager and he will be assisted in the General Manager's Office by Tribal Planner Rick George and Executive Coordinator to Tribal Council Stacia Martin as Tribal Council looks for replacements.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS WITH CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES

As most of you are aware, Contract Health Services (CHS) is a federally funded program and a payor of last resort. With all of the health care changes recently, we would like to take a minute to remind you that ANY alternate resource you have needs to be utilized correctly. That means in order for CHS to cover a "patient responsibility," you must use providers who are in-network with whatever health care coverage you have primary, including the Tribal Health Assistance Program, Skookum. If you choose not to use providers who are in-network or receive services that are not covered, you will be responsible for any patient balance. Services include: Medical, Dental and Behavioral Health. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you, but to keep serving our Tribal community, we must exhaust all other resources available to our membership.

CHS also wants to remind you that there are some services that are not covered by CHS, but are covered by Skookum. If you choose to receive these services, you will be responsible for paying the co-payments. They are as follows: Chiropractic care, Naturopathic care, Massage and Acupuncture, as well as outpatient drug and alcohol treatment. This does not mean that you cannot use those services; it simply means that CHS will not be responsible for any patient balances. You can still keep those appointments; you just need to pay whatever your co-pay is. We understand that this can all be a little confusing, so please feel free to give us a call if you have ANY questions and we'll be happy to help.

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- Tresa (Teri) Mercier, 503-879-2008

Lewis to speak at dinner

Tribal Historian David Lewis will be one of the featured speakers at "An Evening With Wisdom," a fundraising dinner for Native American non-profit Wisdom of the Elders, at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 20, at the Melody Ballroom, 614 S.E. Alder St., Portland.

Lewis, who also is the current chair of the Oregon Heritage Commission, will speak about the Chachalu Tribal Museum and Cultural Center, which will provide a forum to assist with the "transition of knowledge" as Tribal Elders pass on their culture to younger members of the Tribe.

Tickets to the dinner are \$50 and available at www.brownpapertickets.com.

Portland-based Wisdom of the Elders works to preserve Native culture and livelihood through an array of projects, from multimedia oral histories and storytelling to climate change media and programs for youth.

For more information about the dinner, contact Carma Corcoran at corcorancarma@gmail.com or by calling 503-575-6328.

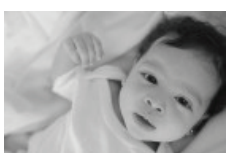
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Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Dental Clinic



Pregnant women and babies under 2

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