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Elder Bingo moved

Elder Bingo will be held at 12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Saturday of the month at the Elders' Activity Center. For more information, contact Elder Activity Assistant Daniel Ham at 503-879-2233. ■

Walking On...

Allen A. "Biff" Langley Sr.

July 16, 1925 - April 2, 2014

Tribal Elder Biff Langley, 88, passed away peacefully at home on April 2, 2014. He was the last of the children of Elsie McKay Sulkey-Langley and Allen "Jack" Langley, who died, respectively, in 1929 and 1936. His brothers and sisters were Cleo Sulkey-Gleason, Peter Vernon Sulkey, Roy Langley and William Joseph Langley.

Biff was born at Grand Ronde on July 16, 1925, and lived there until he joined the U.S. Navy in 1943 during World War II. He married Louise A. Smith in 1946 and they were married for 54 years at the time of her death in 2000. They had eight children, two of whom preceded him in death.

We always remember our dad as a hard-working soul. As soon as he got out of the service, he married the love of his life and moved to Grand Ronde, where they lived for a couple of years. He worked at Murphy's Mill. They moved to Warm Springs, Ore., where he also worked for local logging com-



panies, both in the woods and at the Dahl Pine Mill.

When Termination time came, he chose the relocation option and attended diesel mechanics school in Denver, Colo. He did not participate in the job placement part of this program because there were no jobs available in areas where he wanted to live. The family moved back to Warm Springs and he continued his work in the woods until he was injured and then was offered an inspector job at Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, where he worked the rest of his time until retirement.

In retirement, he and mother lived a quiet and traditional life. Every spring they were out in the root fields digging roots, then on to the huckleberry fields in the later summer/fall where they camped for several weeks at a time gathering huckleberries. They always had a freezer full of roots, huckleberries, fish and deer meat.

Each year they made their annual trek to Grand Ronde for Memorial Day to take care of his old people in the cemetery, and they also attended the famous Mercier family reunion annually. Dad was active in attending events in Grand Ronde leading up to Restoration. He was good friends with those who were involved in bringing Restoration about and was one of a handful of people who made a monthly contribution to this effort. He used to also supply the salmon to the annual powwow, which was a lot smaller than it is today.

He leaves six children, Maxine Clements, Larry Langley, Marita Johnson, Cinda Lou Bobb, Lori Fuentes and Noree Kalama. There are no less than 35 grandchildren, including six great-great-grandchildren. His regular caretakers were his grandson, Ron Clements, and granddaughter, Rittni Clements, to whom the family has a great debt of gratitude for the loving care they gave him.

Kerrie K. Jones

Sept. 23, 1975 - June 9, 2014

Kerrie K. Jones, 38, of Dallas walked on on Monday, June 9. Kerrie was born in Lincoln City, but was raised in Dallas. She graduated from Dallas High School in 1993.

She worked for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde as a pharmacy technician and a dental receptionist. She was a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Kerrie had many medical issues in her young life, but never complained and always showed her beautiful smile and positive attitude. She loved watching the Atlanta Braves on television with her mom and dad. She had the chance to go to Atlanta two years ago to watch them live and in person. She also loved the Oakland Raiders, but the rumor was that her brother and father made her be a fan of the team.

A funeral Mass was held Thursday, June 12, at St. Philip Catholic Church in Dallas. Interment followed at Dallas Cemetery.

Contributions are suggested to the Humane Society in care of Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center, which handled arrangements.

To send an online condolence, visit www.dallastribute.com.

Election day is Sept. 6

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nated Sherer, a Tribal Council incumbent who is wrapping up 12 years of combined service on Tribal Council. She is seeking her fifth three-year term.

- Tribal Elder Evelyn Seidel nominated Brenda Tuomi, who serves on the Tribal Education Committee and previously worked in the Eugene Satellite Office.
- Tribal Elder Margaret Provost nominated Ann Lewis, who previously worked for the Tribe in the Lands and Economic Development departments.
- Tribal Council member Denise Harvey nominated Chris Mercier, who served three consecutive terms on Tribal Council from 2004 to 2013. He did not seek re-election in 2013 to attend law school at Michigan State University
- Tribal Elder Val Grout nominated Tonya Gleason-Shepek, who serves on the Tribe's Social Services Committee.
- Tribal Elder Marcella Selwyn nominated Corey Meneley, who has worked in several Tribal departments and at the Table Games section of Spirit Mountain Casino.
- And Tribal Elder Jackie Many Hides nominated Kevin Simmons, who currently works for the Tribe as Adult Education and College Advising coordinator.

Ballots will be mailed to voters with verified signatures on Wednesday, July 23. Tribal members may create a verified signature card at any time up to and including Election Day.

Starting Monday, July 21, through Election Day, the Election Office in the Community Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a half-hour lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The office can be reached at 503-879-2271.

Candidate statements are due in the Publications office by 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, and will be featured in the next issue of *Tilixam Wawa*, slated to be mailed out the following week.

Candidates are limited to 600-word statements and candidates are encouraged to submit their statements via e-mail to news@ grandronde.org or on a compact disc. Hand-written statements are discouraged to avoid transcription errors and late statements will not be accepted for any reason.

Candidate statements run "as is," meaning the Tribe's Publications staff will not edit the submissions in any way other than to ensure they do not exceed 600 words in length.

Candidates also should contact Tribal photographer Michelle Alaimo at 503-879-1961 or michelle. alaimo@grandronde.org to schedule a time to have their portrait taken for *Tilixam Wawa*, or candidates can submit their own photo.

Ballots will be counted at the Community Center on Saturday, Sept. 6, and election results posted that evening on the Community Center's front doors.



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