

Leno elected to third year as Tribal Council chairman

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Tribal Council selected Reyn Leno as its chairman for the third year in a row at the Wednesday, Sept. 10, meeting.

Leno, who was re-elected to Tribal Council for his seventh consecutive three-year term during the Sept. 6 Tribal election, received five votes while Tribal Council member Cheryl A. Kennedy, who has served previously as chair, received three votes.

Tribal Council member Denise Harvey nominated current Tribal Council Secretary Toby McClary for the chairmanship, but McClary declined the nomination. Harvey abstained in voting for a chair candidate.

Jack Giffen Jr. remains in the position of Tribal Council vice chair.

In other action on Sept. 10, Tribal Council approved Land and Culture Department Manager Jan Looking Wolf Reibach to execute license

agreements with area farmers for the 2015 harvest season and OK'd three engine/crew bosses in the Natural Resources Department to be issued Tribal credit cards.

Tribal Council also appointed Kennedy as its representative to the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and the payment of \$2,400 in annual dues to the organization.

Also, Tribal Council approved the enrollment of 11 non-infants and four infants into the Tribe.

The Sept. 10 meeting was the first for newly elected Tribal Council members Chris Mercier and Tonya Gleason-Shepek.

Tribal Council member Jon A. George and Jade Unger provided the cultural drumming and singing to open the meeting.

The meeting can be viewed on the Tribal website, www.grandronde.org, under the Video tab. ■



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Ekias Sabin scoots across the pavement while playing in a box during the fifth annual community barbecue.

Having a bash

On Friday, Sept. 5, the Tribe's Youth Prevention Program held its fifth annual Community Barbecue at the fire pit in Tribal housing. About 120 people attended the end-of-summer event.



Christyan Ingram uses his sister Shaiyla Krebs' head to write as he takes a survey during the fifth annual Community Barbecue held in Tribal housing.

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OHP re-application process

In October 2013, the Oregon Health Plan sent out a one-page application to sign up for health benefits called "Fast Track."

Any recipient on SNAP (food stamps) received a Fast Track letter. All Oregon Health Plan members who qualified for coverage through Fast Track must re-apply within the first year of coverage or risk losing their coverage. If it has not been a full year, you still need to re-apply to continue receiving health benefits. In July, the Oregon Health Authority began sending letters to Oregonians who received the Oregon Health Plan through Fast Track explaining the re-application process. The Grand Ronde Health and Wellness Center Community Partners want to help Tribal and community members make sure they retain their health coverage. If you do not re-apply, you will lose your health benefits through the Oregon Health Plan.

Please give us a call for information and assistance.

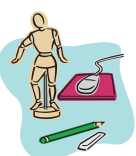
Loretta Meneley,

Cover Oregon Certified Application Assister at 503-879-1359

Sydney West,

Cover Oregon Certified Application Assister at 503-879-2197

Or call 800-775-0095 and ask to speak with Loretta or Sydney.



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- ❖ Request Medication Renewals
- ❖ Request Appointments
- ❖ Access Your Health Record
- ❖ And... Much More!

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