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Finance Officer Chris Leno briefs the membership on the proposed 2015 Tribal budget during the General Council meeting held at the Tribal Community Center on Sunday, Nov. 2.

General Council briefed on 2015 budget in executive session

Re-organization of executive office announced

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Tribal members received a 38-minute explanation of the proposed 2015 Tribal budget in executive session during the Sunday, Nov. 2, General Council meeting held in the Community Center.

Finance Officer Chris Leno briefed Tribal members on the budget in executive session, which limits how much detail *Smoke Signals* can go into regarding the meeting.

Tribal members followed along with copies of the most recent *Tilixam Wawa*, and the Tribe's Information Systems staff recorded the meeting for those who could not attend.

To obtain a copy of the presentation, Tribal members should contact Tribal Council Executive Coordinator Stacia Martin at 503-879-2304 or stacia.martin@grandronde.org.

Following the budget presentation, Leno fielded four questions and comments from the audience. Tribal members have until 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, to comment in writing on the proposed budget.

In other action, Tribal Council Vice Chair Jack Giffen Jr. announced a re-organization of the General Manager's Office. Tribal Planner Rick George has been named interim general manager and Martin was named assistant general manager in addition to her role as Tribal Council executive coordinator. Higher Education Manager Bryan Langley will serve as interim assistant general manager.

"It is our belief that this change will not only help improve communication between the Executive Office, departments, employees and

Tribal Council, but will also help us meet the needs of our members," Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno said in a staff-wide e-mail on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

George will oversee Human Resources, Health & Wellness, Tribal Police, Planning & Grants, the Tribal Employment Rights Office and the building official. Martin will oversee Land and Culture, Member Benefits, Education and the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority. Natural Resources, Social Services and Engineering, Public Works and Maintenance will report to Langley.

Giffen also announced that the February General Council meeting will brief Tribal members on the Tribe's investment portfolio while the March General Council meeting will review Tribal economic development efforts.

The next General Council meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. The one-hour early start is traditional to accommodate the Tribal Council Christmas Party, which will immediately follow in the Tribal gym.

Dan Stroebel, Duane Wheeler and William Beaver Jr. won the \$50 door prizes and Isabelle Grout won the \$100 door prize. Stroebel donated his door prize to the Tribe's Veterans Special Event Board.

In addition, two necklaces created by Tribal Council member Jon A. George were raffled off.

George, Jade Unger and Land and Culture Manager Jan Looking Wolf Reibach provided the cultural drumming and singing to open the meeting. Tribal Council member Cheryle A. Kennedy gave the invocation. ■

Walking On photos sought for slideshow

The Tribe's Restoration Celebration Planning Committee is seeking photos of Tribal members who have walked on for the traditional Walking On slideshow, which will be shown in a continuous loop at the Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center during this year's 31st celebration being held on Saturday, Nov. 22.

If you have previously submitted a photo or your relative has walked on in the last couple of years, their photo probably is already included. To check, please contact Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes at 503-879-1463 or dean.rhodes@grandronde.org.

If you would like to include your relative, please submit a photo that includes their name, date of birth and date of death. Submissions can be sent via e-mail to news@grandronde.org or submitted in person or through the mail to Smoke Signals, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347, Attn: Walking On slideshow.

Deadline for all submissions is 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17.

For more information, contact Rhodes at dean.rhodes@grandronde.org or 503-879-1463. ■

Chemawa Indian School holding craft show

SALEM — Chemawa Indian School, 3700 Chemawa Road N.E., will be holding a craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6.

Admission will be a canned food donation. Hand-crafted items and Native-style gifts will be for sale and there will be door prizes. The craft show is sponsored by the Chemawa Powwow Club. Vendors should contact Karen Serna at 503-399-5721, ext. 225, or via e-mail at karen.serna@bie.edu. ■

Western Oregon University and Movie trip

For: Native Youth 6-12 grade

When: November 24, 2014

Departure/Arrival: Leave YED 8:30am
Arrive back at YED approximately 5pm

Youth Education will be taking a trip to WOU for a college campus tour. Learn all what is offered at WOU, meet students, explore the campus and more. After the College visit, you will visit the Independence Theater for an afternoon movie. Lunch will be provided



Limited Openings: There are limited openings, pick up your permission slip at Youth Education to secure your spot!
For more information: Contact Tiffany Mercier @503-879-2101

Certified Application Assister sets Portland dates

Certified Application Assister Loretta Meneley will be at the Tribe's Portland office, 4445 S.W. Barbur Blvd., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24 and Dec. 8 and 22, to provide information and answer questions about applying for an exemption from the shared responsibility payment, as well as to sign up members for health insurance.

For more information, contact Meneley at 503-879-1359 or by e-mail at loretta.meneley@grandronde.org. ■

Tribal Council Christmas Party

Dec. 7, 2014

@ the Tribal Gym

Master of Ceremony: Reyn Leno
Reading with Children: Marion Mzeizer

10:30-11:30 a.m. Visit with Santa
12:15 p.m. Lord's Prayer by Royalty
Invocation by Tribal Council: Cheryle A. Kennedy
Meal Served
Door Prizes
2:30p.m. Children Singing