

# Tribal Police address parking problems

Tribal Police Chief Al LaChance said that the Grand Ronde Police Department has received multiple complaints of vehicles parking for too long in loading zones and other areas on the Tribal campus not designated for parking.

“The two areas receiving the most complaints are in front of the clinic and the Community Center entrance,” LaChance said. “This makes it very difficult for Tribal Elders who get dropped off or picked up in those areas. It also blocks emergency vehicle access and can delay responses into those buildings.”

LaChance said that people need to park in designated parking spots when visiting the Community Center, Adult Education, Chachalu and the Health & Wellness Clinic. He also said that the designated handicapped parking spots near the gym are often being used by non-handicapped people.

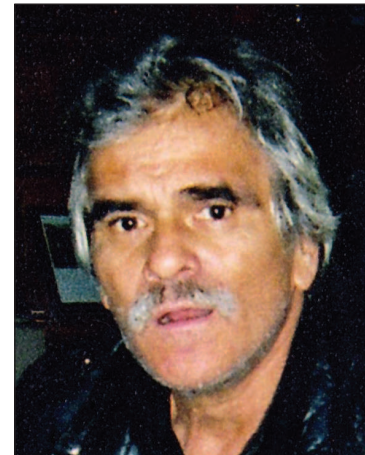
“The new Public Safety Ordinance includes the ability of the Police Department to issue parking citations. Our officers will be issuing warnings to start with, but repeat offenders could receive a parking citation in the future. We need to keep these areas clear for those persons being dropped off or picked up,” he said. ■

## Walking On...

### Thomas Michael Sell

May 10, 1956 – Dec. 8, 2014

Thomas Michael Sell of Grand Ronde died Dec. 8, 2014, at the age of 58. He was born May 10, 1956, to Joseph and Emma (LaBonte) Sell in McMinnville, Ore.



Thomas grew up most of his early years in Turner, Ore., and made the high school wrestling team. Later he moved to Salem, Ore., and the surrounding areas of the Willamette Valley before settling in Grand Ronde.

Mr. Sell worked for various agricultural companies as a laborer and for a metal recycling facility (Coleman Metals). Thomas had been married twice, first to wife Jackie Covatch and second to Tammy Helton; both the mother of his wonderful children.

Thomas will be missed by all. He was known for his quirky sense of humor, tolerant attitude and ability to give guidance to those who wanted it. He loved people and his family very much and enjoyed spending time with them. He also enjoyed working on cars, singing, dancing, the sun, the outdoors and, in his younger years, wrestling and weightlifting in which he was second in the nation for his weight class.

Thomas is survived by his children, Sean, Thomas, Joseph and Tanya Sell; sisters, LaVeta Sell, Marlana Lancour, June Sherer, Nancy Coleman and Theresa Haller; brothers, Bill and Wayne Sell; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents and foster son, Zach Helton.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014, at the Grand Ronde Tribal gym in Grand Ronde, Ore. Interment followed in the Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family.

# Help wanted

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde’s 477 Employment and Training Program and Land and Culture Department have resources that can be utilized along with community members who have a passion for gardening or want to learn the art of agriculture. If you are a Grand Ronde Tribal or community member and want to be a part of the planning, preparation and cultivation of the Tribal garden and orchard site for next year’s planting season, contact Barbara Gibbons at 800-242-8196, ext. 2135, or e-mail [barbara.gibbons@grandronde.org](mailto:barbara.gibbons@grandronde.org). ■

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