

General Council briefed on draft 2016 budget

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General Council was briefed on the draft 2016 budget by Finance Officer Chris Leno during the Sunday, Nov. 1, meeting held in the Tribal Community Center.

After Leno's 26-minute presentation, which reviewed material included in the November *Tilixam Wawa* sent to the Tribal membership, Tribal members asked five questions.

Leno said that adult Tribal members have until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, to comment on the draft budget. Comments need to either be written or e-mailed to Leno at chris.leno@grandronde.org or sent to the main Tribal address at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347, care of the Finance Officer.

Comments also can be submitted to General Manager Dave Fullerton or Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Martin.

Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno said in response to a question from former Tribal Council member Toby McClary that Tribal Council is about two-thirds of the way through the budget process, which will conclude in late December with adoption of the 2016 budget.

In other action, it was announced that the next General Council meeting will start at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, to accommodate the annual Tribal Council Christmas Party, which starts at 11 a.m. in the Tribal gym.

In addition, Tribal Council meetings held November through February will start at 4 p.m. due to potentially hazardous winter weather and earlier darkness.

Culture Committee Chair Betty



Photo by Dean Rhodes

Finance Officer Chris Leno briefs the membership on the Tribe's draft 2016 budget during the General Council meeting held Sunday, Nov. 1, in the Tribal Community Center.

Bly made a brief presentation, reporting that committee members are currently working on preparations for the 32nd Restoration Celebration set for Saturday, Nov. 21, in the Tribal gym.

Tribal Council member Jon A. George joined Tribal members Brian Krehbiel, Kathy Cole, Chelsea Clark, Kailiyah Krehbiel and Red Sky Clawson, as well as Eric Bernardo, in performing the cultural drumming and singing to open the meeting.

Promise Rimer, Regina Wheeler and Russell Wilkinson won the \$50 door prizes and Tribal Elder Marcella Selwyn won the \$100 door prize. Items donated by George and Tribal Council member Brenda Tuomi also were raffled off.

A video of the meeting, in its entirety, can viewed on the Tribal website, www.grandronde.org, by clicking on the News tab and then Video. ■

Certified Application Assister sets dates

Certified Application Assister Loretta Meneley will be at the Tribe's Portland office, 4445 S.W. Barbur Blvd., during the office's flu clinic from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, to help Tribal members sign up or renew their Oregon Health Plan coverage. She also will be in the Portland office on Tuesday, Dec. 8.

In addition, Meneley will be at the Grand Ronde Food Bank, 9675 Grand Ronde Road, on Friday, Nov. 20, to sign up Tribal members, too.

For more information, contact Meneley at 503-879-1359 or send an e-mail to Loretta.meneley@grandronde.org. ■

Veterans SEB seeking Senior Queen candidates

The Tribe's Veterans Special Event Board is looking for teenage girls between 13 and 18 years of age to represent it as the Veterans Senior Queen.

Contestants will have to dance, take part in an interview and give a speech during a contest that will be held at this year's Restoration Powwow on Saturday, Nov. 21. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Contestants must have regalia, be able to speak in public, have knowledge of powwow protocol, have a parent or sponsor with a legal driver's license, learn some military history and terms, and be willing to dedicate some holidays and weekends to the role.

To sign up or for more information, contact Reina Nelson at 503-879-2313 or reina.nelson@grandronde.org. ■

Natural Resources issuing wood permits

The Natural Resources Department started issuing wood permits on Oct. 16.

Wood gathered with Natural Resources-issued permits is for personal use only and not for sale.

There is still road work being performed on the Reservation and it is also hunting season, so there will be traffic.

Have the following information when obtaining a permit: Tribal ID, current address, phone number, vehicle information and driver's license.

For more information, contact Natural Resources Secretary Toni Mercier at 503-879-2424. ■

Hunting & Fishing

Lifeways of the Grand Ronde People







Who: All Grand Ronde Tribal members.

What: We would like to record your family's hunting and fishing stories for inclusion in the Tribe's cultural and historical collections.

Where: Chachalu: Tribal Museum and Cultural Center

When: Starting September 1st, 2015

How: Contact Stacey Runningbird @ 503-879-2381

Honor Your Veterans With Your Service



The Veterans SEB is looking for a teen girl ages 13 - 18 to represent us as our Veterans Sr. Queen.

The contest will include a dance, interview, and speech to be held at this year's Restoration Pow-wow. Deadline for sign-ups will be 11/18/15.

Contestants must :

- + Have regalia (traditional, fancy, or jingle)
- + Be able to speak in public.
- + Have knowledge of pow-wow protocol.
- + Have a parent or sponsor with legal driver's license.
- + Learn some military history and terms.
- + Be willing to dedicate some holidays and weekends.

Please call Reina Nelson to sign up and receive more information at (503)879-2313 or email at reina.nelson@grandronde.org.