

Employees were treated to breakfast

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Vocational Rehabilitation Caseworker Dodie McKenzie, Youth Prevention Supervisor Lisa Leno and Fish and Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen, 20 years.

The ceremony honored employees hired in the second quarter of the year.

Tribal Council member Jon A. George started the ceremony with an invocation and then employees were treated to a breakfast prepared by Simply Delish Catering. The meal included biscuits and gravy, breakfast sandwiches, pastries and fruit, as well as orange juice, bottled water and coffee to drink.

In addition to George, Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno and Tribal Council members Tonya Gleason-Shepek, Brenda Tuomi and Denise Harvey lined up to shake hands with those being honored for five years or more of service.

Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Martin handed out the certificates and checks, and in the case of employees reaching 10 years of service she also distributed Tribal Pendleton blankets.

Those honored were:

19 years: Tribal Court Administrator Angela Fasana, Tribal Council Senior Administrative Assistant Lauri Smith, Information Systems Operations Manager William Ke-

phart and Health Promotion Specialist Darlene Aaron.

18 years: Human Resources Training Specialist Vickie Merrill, Housing Department Manager Shonn Leno, Senior Staff Attorney Deneen Aubertin Keller, Gaming Commission Executive Assistant Kathy Doane and Children & Family Services Supervisor Kristi Petite.

17 years: Publications Production Specialist Justin Phillips and Purchased/Referred Care Supervisor Melody Baker.

16 years: Swing Shift Housekeeping Supervisor Ben Bishop.

15 years: General Manager David Fullerton and Staff Accountant Amy Gallant.

14 years: Procurement Manager Larry Leith, Vocational Rehabilitation/477 Trainee Chris Martin and Early Childhood Instructional Assistant Roxanne Moniz.

13 years: Applications Administrator Candice Olsen, Nutrition Program Cook Michael Burton, Silviculture and Fire Protection Manager Colby Drake and Gaming Inspector Kary Turner.

12 years: Senior Human Resources Generalist Steve O’Harra, Staff Accountant Laura Mercier, Social Services Senior Intake Specialist Donna Johnson and Family Services Coordinator Audra Sherwood.

10 years: Housing Maintenance Technician Randy Bean, Gaming

Commission IT Network Analyst Tanner Fish, Health Information Technician Leanne Norwood, Silviculture/Fire Protection Technician Jeremy Ojua, Post Treatment Counselor Chris Holliday, Aquatic Biologist Bryan Fendall, Adult Foster Care Caregiver Anna Huston and Early Head Start Home-Based Visitor Shelley Clift.

9 years: Adult Foster Care Caregiver Carmen Parren and Gaming Commission Licensing Manager Tisha Gleason.

8 years: Gaming Commission Executive Director Michael Boyce, Cultural Interpretive Specialist Brad Leno, Chinuk Language Program Manager Ali Holsclaw, Home Ownership Coordinator Victoria Jones, Senior Records Clerk Dalette Remington-Nash and Gaming Commission Background Investigator Nicholas Bailey.

7 years: Adult Foster Care Caregiver Ardyth Hoffer-Hallicola, Certified Medical Assistant Dana Seagrove and Head Start Teacher/

Education Coordinator Kristina Jaquith.

6 years: Wildlife Biologist Lindsay Belonga, Senior Forester Zach Haas, Realty Specialist Teresa Brocksen, Dentist Erin Lange, Lead Maintenance Technician Andrew Freeman, Health Promotion Specialist Tammy Leno and Adult Foster Care Caregiver Ginger Whitman.

5 years: Swing Shift Housekeeper Nathan Mueller, Rental Housing Assistant Michele Plummer. Behavioral Health Director Jan Kaschmitter, Silviculture/Fire Supervisor Jim Pinder, Youth Programs Assistant Shannon Stanton, K5 Tutor Adviser Tiffany Mercier and Housing Department Maintenance Technician Lee Wilson.

After the certificates were distributed, Fullerton raffled off six one-day administrative leaves only for employees in attendance, and door prizes for all employees. Door prizes included a Fitbit exercise monitor, espresso coffee-making machine, hammock and grill. ■

Smoke Signals receives eight NAJA awards

Staff wins three first places, takes second in general excellence

Smoke Signals, the bimonthly newspaper of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, won eight awards that included three first places from the Native American Journalists Association for work published in 2015.

Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes won first place in the Associate Division in the News Story category for his story about federal officials visiting Spirit Mountain Casino and briefing Tribal leaders on Oregon’s legalization of marijuana, which took effect in 2015.

Rhodes competed in the Associate Division for nonTribal members who work for Native publications.

Grand Ronde Tribal members Brent Merrill and Justin Phillips received first-place awards in the Professional Division for Feature Story and Layout, respectively.

Merrill received first for his story “Betrothal on Break,” a story about Spirit Mountain Casino employee Clint Folden getting married by surprise on his lunch break. Phillips was honored for designing *Smoke Signals* and was judged by entering three issues of the paper.

The Professional Division is for enrolled Tribal members who work for Native publications.

Tribal photographer Michelle Alaimo received a second-place award in the Associate Division in the Best Photo of Native America category for her photographs of the Tribe’s First Salmon Ceremony held in West Linn

in May 2015 and Merrill received a second-place award in the Professional Division’s Best Sports Story category for his feature on Tribal member Marcel Allen’s bull-riding successes.

Smoke Signals also received a second-place award in the Professional Division for general excellence. The award goes to the entire staff.

Third-place awards went to Alaimo in the Associate Division’s Best Feature Photo category for photographs of the Tribal Council Christmas Party held in December 2015 and to Rhodes in the Associate Division’s Best Feature Story category for his story about Tribal Elder Opal Davidson turning 100 years old.

The National Native Media Awards will be distributed during NAJA’s Media Awards Banquet to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 20, in New Orleans.

“Winning awards from the Native American Journalists Association is always a rewarding experience for our staff,” Rhodes said. “The recognition continues to show that the Grand Ronde Tribe supports one of the best Native newspapers in the country and the most honored Native news publication in Oregon.

“We continue to be thankful for the support we receive throughout the year from our Tribal colleagues, Tribal Council and Tribal members in helping us to create and distribute an informative and professional publication for Tribal members and those interested in the Grand Ronde Tribe.” ■

TRIBAL COUNCIL ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council is considering amendments to the Tribal Council Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a First Reading at the August 3, 2016, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments would incorporate portions of the Tribal Council Operating Procedures that are in use today, and make a number of other revisions such as better defining council member roles as liaisons to committees and boards, describing how individuals are to address council at meetings, expanding the Public Hearings provision, and clarifying how Legislative Action Committee (“LAC”) sheets may be signed by council members not attending an LAC meeting.

Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments to the Tribal Council Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney’s Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney’s Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon, 97347 or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by September 14, 2016.

US Forest Service
Employment Workshop
Q&A session

WHEN: Sept 13, 2016
TIME: 2:00-4:30 p.m.
WHERE: Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Employment Service Center
9615 Grand Ronde Rd.
Grand Ronde OR
Room 118 A&B

OBJECTIVES:

- *WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO
- *EFFECTIVE RESUME WRITING
- USAJOB.GOV and OUTREACH DATA BASE
- *PATHWAYS (INTERNSHIPS, RECENT GRADS)
- *TYPES OF POSITIONS
- *SPECIAL HIRING AUTHORITIES
- *PAY SCALES
- AND SO MUCH MORE!

Presented by: Jeanna Ramos, Equal Employment Officer

If special accommodations are needed, please call Barbara Gibbons at 503-879-2135.


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