

### Board seeking younger veterans

The Tribal Veterans Special Event Board is recruiting younger veterans – Iraqi and Afghanistan veterans – to join. “Our committee is getting older,” said Veterans SEB Chairman Steve Bobb Sr., who is a Vietnam War-era Marine Corps veteran. Members of the Special Event Board attend events as flag carriers and represent the Tribe and their branch of service. Veterans interested in volunteering should contact Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez at 503-879-2304 or stacia.martin@grandronde.org. ■

### Shakespeare Festival staging first play by Native writer

ASHLAND – The Oregon Shakespeare Festival is staging “Off the Rails,” the 82-year-old festival’s first play by a Native American writer, Randy Reinholz (Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma). The play is billed as an irreverent and subversive adaptation of Shakespeare’s “Measure for Measure” and will run in the Angus Bowmer Theatre through the end of the 2017 season through Oct. 28. Reinholz calls the play “‘Blazing Saddles’ meets Shakespeare with Native Americans taking the reins” as the play examines the painful legacy of Native American boarding schools with music and a surprising dose of humor. “We often deal with pain through humor,” Reinholz said. “I think that’s true for a lot of communities, actually. We’ve heard a lot of victimization stories, so where’s the power? In ‘Off the Rails,’ we use nostalgia for old Westerns and turn it on its head to hook the people who should learn this story, enfranchise and empower the tellers and tell the multi-dimensional point-of-view Native American story.” In the play, the arrival of Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show coincides with the sentencing of a Pawnee teenager named Momaday, who is to hang for his forbidden love affair with an Irish-American girl. The harsh judgment and strict law-and-order attitude of presiding officer Capt. Angelo are put to the test by Momaday’s sister, Isabel. The festival’s box office can be reached at 800-219-8161. ■

### Lane Community College offering Chinuk Wawa classes

EUGENE – Lane Community College is offering “Chinuk Wawa” (CW 101) from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at its campus in Eugene starting the last week of September.



Grand Ronde Tribal members can take the class, which is the first in a yearlong sequence, as a credit class or as a continuing education class. Continuing education students enrolled in the class will determine their own level of engagement in terms of attendance, test taking, assignments, etc. Tuition is approximately \$400 to \$505 per term for the four-credit class. However, continuing education students only pay a one-time fee of about \$10. Students can enroll now for fall classes online at www.lanec.edu. The CRN for the class is 22576. University of Oregon students also can have dual enrollment to take the class. Contact an academic adviser for more information. Enrollment as a continuing education student is possible by calling Candice Johnson at 541-463-5419. For more information about the Chinuk Wawa language program at Lane, contact Drew Viles at vilesa@lanec.edu or calling 541-463-5480. ■

### New Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Lab/X-ray hours

- 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
- 9:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Thursday ■



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### I humbly ask for your support for Tribal Council

I am a descendant of the Mercier and Hudson families. I know my experience as the Cultural Manager at the Tribe for 8 years combined with my education will help me lead the tribe into our future as we create new policies that **empower tribal members** in government decisions.



**Transparency in our government** is a right of every tribal member and I want to work to strengthen our whole **General Council** to help lead us all to a more prosperous future.

Tribal members deserve a **better standard of living** and a progressive economic development to fund services to members. Protecting our own sovereignty and healing relationships with other tribes will help to assure our mutual future.



**This Land is our Homeland** and the source of our tribal culture.

Protecting the land and our **community** is protecting the Heart of Our Tribe.



*Leadership is a sacred responsibility, granted by the community*

**David G. Lewis**  
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