

## Tribal Council declares \$520 timber distribution

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

The first part of the two-part puzzle for Tribal members wondering how much money they will receive on Monday, Dec. 11, was answered during the Wednesday, Nov. 15, Tribal Council meeting.

Tribal members will receive a \$520 timber revenue payment in addition to their yet-to-be-determined per capita distribution. The per capita amount will not be known until early December.

Tribal Council voted to move the per capita payment date up by four days from the usual Friday date to give Tribal members more time to use their December distribution to purchase Christmas presents.

Member Services Department staff members will be in the Tribal Community Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, to hand out the per capita and timber distribution checks to Tribal members. After 4 p.m., any remaining checks will be taken to the Grand Ronde post office and mailed.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved the 2017-19 Tribal grant agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to help fund Tribal alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse prevention services. The grant amount cannot exceed \$292,500;
- Appointed Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr. to be the Grand Ronde representative on the Willamette Falls Locks Commission and Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy as the alternate representative;
- And approved the enrollment of two infants into the Tribe because they meet the requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

Also included in the Nov. 15 Tribal Council packet were approved authorizations to proceed and staff directives that:

- Placed \$500,000 in the proposed 2018 budget to re-establish the Economic Development Department with two employees and the funds needed to conduct due diligence;
- Transferred \$5,000 from general contingency to cover the cost of repairs on the Elders' "big bus";
- Approved using qualified inmate labor from the federal prison in Sheridan on Tribal government projects provided that the inmate labor does not displace Tribal member workers;
- Approved up to \$8,000 for a two-day enrollment training to be held in Grand Ronde on Nov. 29-30 by Creating Stronger Nations;
- Directed Tribal staff to gather statistics on the number of homeless people in the Grand Ronde area;
- And directed staff to file a motion to intervene in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's process regarding the Pacific Connector Pipeline and Jordan Cove Terminal project that is proposing to build a 229-mile natural gas pipeline from southeast of Klamath Falls to Coos Bay in southern Oregon.

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy discussed Tribal Council's practice of presenting gifts to visitors as part of the cultural presentation to open the meeting. Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George also discussed his approach to making baskets as part of the cultural presentation.

The entire meeting can be viewed on the Tribal website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) by clicking on the News tab and then Video. ■

### Clothes Closet open Friday mornings

The Clothes Closet is open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the first and third Fridays of the month and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. all other Fridays on the Tribal campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive.

The Clothes Closet accepts clothing, small appliances, small pieces of furniture, electronics and household goods that are clean and in good condition. It does not accept books, large TVs or large furniture, but there is a community board where people can post those items.

Donations are accepted during regular business hours.

For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565. ■

## Turkey bowling



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Budget Manager DeAnne Norton, right, celebrates her first-place finish in the women's category during the 14th annual Turkey Bowling event held under the covered area at the Tribe's Youth Education building on Thursday, Nov. 16. Tribal Adult Foster Care Caregiver Carmen Parren, left, finished second and Tribal Dental Hygienist Erin Muchmore placed third. Forty-three people participated in this year's event and it was the fourth year in a row the same turkey was used as the bowling ball. The prizes were gift cards.



Tribal Maintenance Technician Brent Bruckner bowls his way to a second-place finish in the men's category in the 14th annual Turkey Bowling event held under the covered area at the Tribe's Youth Education building on Thursday, Nov. 16. First place for the men was captured by Tribal Dental Assistant Sam King and Tribal Maintenance Technician Jason Bailey came in third.

### WALK-IN DENTAL APPOINTMENTS FOR KIDS <6

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY FOR DENTAL CHECK-UPS FOR KIDS 5 AND UNDER WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE SEEN AT THE TRIBAL CLINIC.  
JUST COME ON IN!

We will check your child's teeth during any of our clinic hours without an appointment. Dental check-ups are recommended beginning with the first tooth!

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Dental Clinic  
Phone 503-879-2020

Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 8:00-5:00; Thur 9:30-5:30



### General Council viewing Portland Office

4445 S.W. Barbur Blvd. suite 100

Portland, OR 97239

Starting

Dec 3, 2017

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For information contact

Lisa Archuleta

503-879-1881