

Veterans Day meal



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Senior Veterans Queen Mabel Brisbois, left, adds gravy to the plate of Leon Blanchard during the annual Veterans Day meal put on by the Tribe's Veterans Special Event Board in the Tribal Community Center on Friday, Nov. 9. Approximately 100 people attended the annual event.

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Army veteran Marie McCandless delivers the keynote speech during the annual Veterans Day meal put on by the Tribe's Veterans Special Event Board in the Tribal Community Center on Friday, Nov. 9. McCandless served one tour of duty in Iraq and founded a nonprofit that helps connect veterans and families to valuable resources.

Christmas Truck Fundraisers Bake Sale



When: November 19th and 20th
Where: Elder Activity Center
Time: 11am to 1:00pm
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Finance Officer Chris Leno reviews the 2019 draft Tribal budget for the Tribal membership in executive session during the Sunday, Nov. 4, General Council meeting held in the Tribal gym.

General Council briefed on 2019 draft budget

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Approximately 40 Tribal members were briefed and given a chance to comment on the 2019 draft budget during the Sunday, Nov. 4, General Council meeting held in the Tribal gym.

Since the 46-minute presentation by Finance Officer Chris Leno was held in executive session, *Smoke Signals* cannot report on the specific details of the draft budget. However, Tribal members who were unable to attend and would like to view the presentation can contact Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez at 503-879-2304 or via e-mail at stacia.martin@grandronde.org to obtain a compact disc of the meeting.

The 2019 draft budget was mailed first class to Tribal members in early November in the *Tilixam Wawa*. Written or e-mailed comments must be submitted until 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3.

During his presentation, Leno received questions and com-

ments from six Tribal members who, on occasion, made more than one inquiry or recommendation. Membership input lasted until shortly after 1 p.m. and bookended a lunch that included pulled pork sandwiches, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw and a cookie.

In open session, it was announced that the next General Council meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, in the Tribal Community Center. The early start is traditional to accommodate the Tribal Council Christmas Party that follows in the Tribal gym.

Kristina Cureton, Orrin Allen, Mabel Brisbois, Linda Olson and Sydney Clark won the \$50 door prizes and Elders Val Alexander, Julie Duncan and Laura Gleason on the \$100 door prizes. Alexander donated her winnings to the Elders Committee.

A video of building the new ceremonial fishing platform at Willamette Falls was shown as the cultural presentation to open the meeting. ■

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