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Finance Officer Chris Leno makes a presentation regarding the 2020 draft budget during the Nov. 3 General Council meeting held in the Tribal gym.

General Council briefed on 2020 draft budget

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Finance Officer Chris Leno briefed Tribal members on the draft budget for 2020 during the Sunday, Nov. 3, General Council meeting held in the Tribal gym.

The meeting was held partially in executive session, which limits how much *Smoke Signals* can report on the details.

Before the meeting went into executive session, Leno said that one of the main reasons the 2020 budget is increasing by 16.5 percent is the more than \$10 million budgeted at the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center for a new program that will implement medication assisted treatment for patients dependent on opioids. He also cited the new expense of rehabilitating the Blue Heron Paper Mill site in Oregon City that the Tribe purchased in August.

After Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr. raised concerns about live streaming the meeting because it would review confidential Tribal financial information, the membership voted to move into executive session and end the live streaming.

Leno's draft budget presentation ran 45 minutes and after lunch, which was served by Youth Council members, he fielded five questions

and comments regarding next year's Tribal spending plan.

Tribal members interested in obtaining a compact disc of Leno's presentation should contact Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez at stacia.martin@grandronde.org or 503-879-2304.

The November *Tilixam Wawa* also features a detailed look at the 2020 draft budget and adult Tribal members have until 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, to submit written comments to Leno.

In other action, it was announced that the next General Council meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, in the Tribal Community Center. The presentation will be from the Education Department and Education Committee.

The early start time on Dec. 1 will accommodate the Tribal Council Christmas Party, which also starts at 10 a.m. in the Tribal gym.

Val Alexander, Dan Stroebel and Shasta Simmons won the \$100 door prizes and Julie Duncan, Joanna Brisbois, Tracie Meyer, Peter Grout and Kelly Lindgren won the \$50 door prizes.

The portions of the meeting held outside of executive session can be viewed by visiting the Tribal government's website at www.grandronde.org and clicking on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

Teaching program recruiting for Class of 2021

EUGENE – The šapsikʷalá Teacher Education Program and the UOTeach Program are looking for Native American and Alaska Native students who have a desire and passion to become elementary or middle/high school teachers.

Applications for the 2020-21 academic year are due Jan. 15, 2020.

The šapsikʷalá Teacher Education Program offers full financial assistance to eligible Native American/Alaska Native students. The program is 12 months long, beginning in June and participants graduate with a master's degree and teacher licensure in June 2021. It is fully funded by a federal grant with a total support package of approximately \$50,000 per student.

The program requires students to live in Eugene while completing classes at the University of Oregon and Tribal placements for student teaching will be considered and encouraged.

Prospective students must have completed their undergraduate education and apply through the admissions process of UOTeach.

To apply and review the admission requirements, visit the UOTeach website at education.uoregon.edu.

For help through the application process, send an e-mail to sapsikwala@uoregon.edu or call 541-346-2454.

Grand Ronde Editorial Board position openings

The Grand Ronde Editorial Board, a Tribal board assigned the duty by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde ("Grand Ronde") of overseeing its independent Tribal press (*Smoke Signals*), invites applications to serve on the Grand Ronde Editorial Board. There are two open board positions occurring in March 2020.

The five-member Grand Ronde Editorial Board is responsible to the Grand Ronde Tribal Council. It oversees the editor of *Smoke Signals* to ensure the independent Tribal press reports news free from any undue influence and free from any political interest, and that Tribal news employees adhere to the highest ethical journalistic standards.

The Editorial Board meets monthly. From time to time, additional special meetings may be held. Board members are expected to attend all meetings in person, although participation by telephone or video will be permitted. Each board member receives a monthly stipend for attending meetings. Travel reimbursement is limited to travel within the six counties of Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Tillamook, Multnomah and Washington.

Board members must be 18 years of age, have qualified experience in management and/or publications, be of good character and integrity, and certify that he or she will adhere to the standards of accepted ethics of journalism as defined by the Society of Professional Journalists and endorsed by the Native American Journalists Association. Experience with and knowledge of Native American organizations is also preferred, as well as dedication to protecting and advancing a free press for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Applicants will be interviewed by the Grand Ronde Editorial Board before a recommendation is forwarded to Tribal Council. Terms run for three years.

Preference will be given to qualified Tribal members.

Submission deadline: Friday, Jan. 10, 2020

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest describing their qualifications, a résumé and three references to:

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11a-6p

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