

# Nine students graduate from language program

Nine students graduated from the Tribe's Chinuk Language Program and a graduation parade for them was held Thursday, Aug. 13, at achaf-hammi, the Tribe's plankhouse off Hebo Road.

Graduating from the Lilu Early Childhood Language Nest were Mila Strutton, Isaac Freeman, Ulali Quenelle, Ariya Anderson, Azaela Anderson, Olivia Zimbrick and Violet Zimbrick.

Graduating from the Chinkuk Immersion Fourth Grade class were Cloey Freeman and Marie Quenelle. ■

## Appointments available in Optometry at the Health & Wellness Center

- Comprehensive eye exams
  - Diabetic eye exams
  - Red eye treatment
  - Excellent selection of frames
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**Dear Heaven:**  
 You took my Dear before I had a chance to say what I needed to say.  
 Can you tell him I love him and happy birthday today?  
 Ken Erickson #1253  
 Aug. 16, 1956 -  
 June 12, 2009

## Walking On...

### Other passings

#### Billy David Tanner

Oct. 7, 1964 – July 29, 2020

Tribal Elder Billy David Tanner walked on on Wednesday, July 29, 2020. Yahn & Son Funeral Home and Crematory in Auburn, Wash., is assisting the family. The family will be holding a private funeral service.

## Portland Grand Ronde Tribal members & Elders

I wanted to remind Tribal members if you are in need of food the Grand Ronde Portland office has a limited supply of food boxes and shelf-life food on hand at all times.

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# Tribal Council Elections 2020

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Dear Tribal Members, Here are five specific legislative goals to accomplish:

### The Big Five:

- **Expand our Services:** New programs like Small Loans, a Foreclosure Prevention Grant, and Rental Assistance for First Month/Last Month/Deposit. Technology Allowance for laptop or PC purchase.
- **Continue to Inform our Membership:** Take advantage of new and innovative online media tools like podcasts, videos, and web-based conference apps like Facebook Live, Zoom, and others.
- **Expand and Enhance the Rights of Members:** Continue to increase the Right of Access to information for Tribal members, and amend our Constitution to enhance the basic rights of Tribal Members beyond voting, make Constitutional rights more realistic to exercise.
- **Focus on Sustainability:** Continue to invest in sustainable initiatives, tribally-owned businesses, and overall government practices.
- **Enrollment:** Revisit the 1999 amendment. Enact equality in enrollment requirements, and resolve the “split family” issue. Address the dwindling blood quantum and population growth issues.