

Harvey participates in NIGA election analysis

Tribal Council member Denise Harvey was one of six panelists to participate in the National Indian Gaming Association's virtual post-election analysis on Wednesday, Nov. 4.

"With so much on the line for Tribal gaming, the National Indian Gaming Association has assembled its team of leaders, lawyers and analysts to look at the post-election results through the eyes of Indian Country," said a NIGA press release. "We'll look at the presidential, congressional and state races that will have an impact on Tribal gaming."

Harvey joined National Indian Gaming Association Conference Chairman Victor Rocha, Executive Director Jason Giles, Chairman Ernie Stevens Jr., Red Maple Consulting's Pete Kirkham and Mapetsi Policy Group's John Harte on the panel.

Harvey has been the Grand Ronde Tribe's representative to the National Indian Gaming Association since 2016 and was appointed to its Board of Directors in 2018. ■



Denise Harvey

Walking On...

Byron Victor LaBonte

June 8, 1932 – Oct. 26, 2020

Tribal Elder Byron Victor LaBonte was born on June 8, 1932, in Dayton, Ore., to Edna and Gus LaBonte. He grew up in Yamhill County along with his brother and three sisters, Eugene, Sylvia, Ruth and Dorothy.

As a logger, he worked about every job there was. He later started driving a truck for Moon Brothers Trucking in Eugene.

He married Sandra Plumlee on July 3, 1970, and the fireworks never ended. Together, they saw to the bringing up of Carla, Joanne, Jonathan, Byron, Myron and David.

He was a member of the Grand Ronde Tribe and loved to attend the powwows with his grandchildren.

He loved to fish (Foster, Green Peter, Hagg Lake and anyplace with water). He was a guide at Pacific City for several years.

He had many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra; children, Carla, Joanne, Jonathan, Byron, Myron and David; and brother, Eugene. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters.

Family graveside services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 3, at the Dayton Odd Fellows Cemetery where he was laid to rest near his mother.

Other passings

Edward Louis Taylor

July 30, 1957 – Oct. 31, 2020

Tribal Elder Edward Louis Taylor walked on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020. All County Cremation & Burial Services in Vancouver, Wash., is assisting the family.

As of press time, no funeral service was planned.

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ment agencies must have a detailed set of policies and procedures, particularly in the areas of pursuits, use of force, evidence cataloging and internal affairs. The process is designed to help build the trust of local communities in their police departments through standards that improve accountability and increase professionalism.

Additionally, agencies must be re-accredited every three years and show proof of compliance with the required 104 professional standards of accountability, management and operations.

"It was a goal of mine in 2020 to get accredited before the year was over," Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight said. "That we've done it with a few months left to go is a credit to my team, and the policies and procedures we spent years putting together. Even though we didn't have the title until now, we worked under these standards. The accreditation looks over our department to make sure we are

practicing what we are preaching. Especially these days with unrest and politics, it's good for us to be the best department we can be. We continue to learn and grow, and our police department does a great job."

Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy thanked the Tribal Police Department for its due diligence in receiving accreditation.

"It is good for our community members to know their police force has received this accreditation, to be so open they are able to expose themselves to critical evaluations," she said.

Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr., who grew up in Grand Ronde, expressed gratitude that things have changed from when he was a youth in the 1960s.

"It shows me just how far we've come," he said. "We have a wonderful team."

McKnight also recalls some rough times when he was young.

"I never forgot that and I knew we would be a community police department that is accountable to everyone so it's a safe place to live," he said. ■

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Tribal Health Scholars Program

Healthcare focused internship for High School Juniors and Seniors!

Applications due Friday, November 20th, 2020.

Tribal Health Scholars (THS) is a paid externship program where AIAN high school students are supported and inspired to envision themselves as healthcare professionals and to pursue education required for a career in a healthcare field.

Due to COVID-19 in-person shadowing has been suspended so the THS program has pivoted to a completely virtual experience. Scholars meet as a group with our NNACoE team each week to discuss the different healthcare careers and pathways.

The program runs for 13 weeks with a one hour meeting each week as a cohort and then two individual meetings at the beginning and end of the pathway. Below is an overview of the program curriculum.

- Identifying diverse healthcare careers and career paths
- Sharing what healthcare looks like in your community
- Understanding how to apply to schools, scholarships, find additional internships and shadowing opportunities, etc.

Eligibility:

- You must be a high school junior or senior to participate.
- Attendance is important and required every week for the full length of the program.
- Join weekly by computer/Wi-Fi.

This program will be conducted virtually. If you would like to participate but foresee access being an issue please reach out to Sarah at rasmuss@ohsu.edu.



For more information or to request an application please contact:

Sarah at
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Grand Ronde Housing Department



Board seeks community input

The Grand Ronde Housing Grievance Board is seeking community input for monthly meetings. The Housing Grievance Board meets at 4 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the Housing Department conference room, 28450 Tyee Road. Its chair is Simone Auger.

For more information, contact the Housing Department at 503-879-2401. ■