



**June**

- Wednesday, June 2 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, June 16 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Friday, June 18 – Tribal offices closed in observance of Juneteenth.
- Sunday, June 27 – General Council meeting for Tribal Council nominations only, 11 a.m., Location TBD. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, June 30 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

**July**

- Monday, July 5 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Fourth of July holiday.

*(Editor's note: All events are tentative depending on the status of the Tribe's COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic response.)*

**Massage at Health & Wellness Center**

Mind, Body & Soul Therapeutic Massage started at the Health & Wellness Clinic.

**Remember:** Appointments for massage are not managed by the Health & Wellness Center staff.

To schedule an appointment, call 971-237-2561. ■

**LIHEAP program open in service area**

The Tribal Social Service's LIHEAP – Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program – is open to eligible Tribal members in the six-county service area and Clackamas County.

This is a first-come, first-served program and income criteria applies. LIHEAP is federally funded through the Department of Health and Human Services and is designed to help low-income households with home heating costs.

For more information, contact Social Services at 503-879-2034. ■

**Oregon becomes the fourth state to offer residents the chance to win cash in exchange for getting a vaccine**

**MONEY continued from front page**

Youth will have a chance to win one of five \$100,000 Oregon College Savings Plan education scholarships.

The prize money, totaling \$1.86 million, comes from Oregon's Coronavirus Relief Act funds.

"Vaccines administered by the Grand Ronde Tribe were entered into the Oregon Alert System as part of the reporting process," the Tribe posted on its Facebook page on Monday, May 24. "As a result, individuals vaccinated by the Grand Ronde Tribe are automatically included in the Oregon lottery drawings announced last week by OHA (Oregon Health Authority)."

Oregon becomes the fourth state after Ohio, New York and Maryland to offer residents the chance to win cash in exchange for getting a vaccine.

According to www.grandronde.

org, the Grand Ronde Tribe has vaccinated 20,391 people as of Monday, May 24, with the two-dose Moderna vaccine.

The lottery's goal is to get Oregon to 70 percent of residents 18 and older having at least one vaccine dose, which will mark when Brown said she will lift county-based business and social restrictions meant to curb the spread of COVID-19. The state is currently at 63 percent of adults with at least one dose.

Oregon will use the state's vaccine database to assign each vaccinated person a number, which will be passed to the Oregon Lottery for the drawing. Winning numbers will be sent back to the Health Authority, which will contact the winners. No personal identifying information will be shared with the Oregon Lottery.

Winners' names will be made public about a week after the drawing, but winners can decline a prize to preserve their patient privacy if they so wish. ■

**World War II veteran Herman Hudson walks on**

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals editor*

Herman K. Hudson, the Tribe's last living World War II veteran and eldest male Elder at 96 years of age, walked on Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

Hudson was born in Grand Ronde on Jan. 4, 1925, the son of Herman A. and Ella Hudson. He lived for many years at Chemawa Indian School in Salem, where his father worked as a bus and truck driver. However, Chemawa employee children were not allowed to attend the school.

Instead, Hudson attended high school in Keizer and Salem until his junior year at Salem's North High School when he enlisted in the Navy in 1942.

"It was during the war, you know, and that was what you did, I guess," he said in a *Smoke Signals* story that appeared in July 2006. "My uncles that I was closest to went into the service, so I did, too."

He served in the South Pacific aboard the U.S.S. Nevada, escorting fleet oilers. He also learned to be quite a good barber while in the Navy when his vessel's regular barber was shipping out and taught Herman how to cut hair. "Pretty soon, I got to be a pretty good barber," he recalled.

He was discharged in 1945 and he went to work in the woods and in sawmills in Yoncalla and Drain, not too far from the Umpqua River. It was there that he met his wife, Ella Joyce Miller, who walked on in 1998 just four months shy of their 50th wedding anniversary. They had three children – Kathryn in 1950, Tim in 1953 and Steven in 1955.



Herman K. Hudson

In 1950, Oregon veterans received a bonus and Herman used the money to enroll in barber school. For many years after, he made his living by cutting hair in many places from Coos Bay, Ore., to Carbondale, Colo., to Puyallup, Wash. After Joyce passed, he moved back to Grand Ronde, where he owned a motor home that he would drive to Yuma, Ariz., every winter to play golf and square dance.

He continued driving himself and golfing well into his 90s, playing at Cross Creek Golf Course on Highway 22 near Dallas.

In April 2019, he received a Quilt of Valor for his military service in the Governance Center Atrium.

In addition to being the Tribe's eldest male Elder, Hudson was the third eldest member of the Tribe at the time of his passing with only former Tribal Council Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison and Carmilla Faggani being older. Harold Gene Baker now becomes the Tribe's eldest male Elder.

A full obituary will appear in the June 15 edition of *Smoke Signals*. ■

**Taking shape**



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Construction continues on the new Information Systems/Procurement building on Tuesday, May 18. Tribal Council approved the plan and construction in August 2019. The 20,000-square-foot building will provide Information Systems' employees more room and move Procurement employees out of a modular building.**

