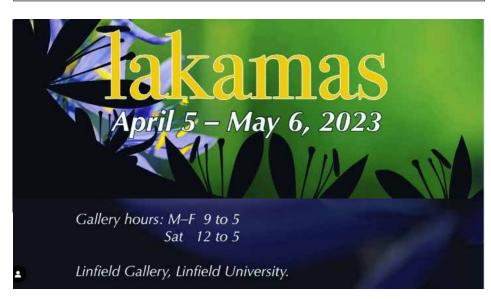
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## **Blanket farewells**



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Council member Jon A. George goes to hug Amber Mercier, left, Tribal Youth Prevention manager, after she and Julie Singer, Tribal Social Security/Disability consultant, were gifted blankets in the Tribal Community Center on Tuesday, April 25. Mercier is leaving the Tribe after 21 years of service to work closer to home and with preschoolers, and Singer is retiring after 19 years with the Tribe.





# Three constitutional amendment proposals adopted since 1983

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able to show their knowledge of their Tribe, the risk gets higher for some outside group to make that decision for us and go down the road of Termination again."

Langley said he thinks the endgame will be either a 4/4 or lineal descent proposal, but no matter what, the Tribe must correct its enrollment files in case either proposal fails.

"If these don't pass, we still have to do something with our files that will allow people on council to feel like they are still operating within our Constitution when they enroll somebody," Langley said.

The Grand Ronde Constitution requires two-thirds of those who register for and cast ballots in a BIA-supervised election must approve any proposal for it to change the Tribe's governing document. An effort to remove the federal government from Tribal constitutional amendment elections was rejected by voters in 2014.

In addition to the 1999 amendment, Tribal members have only agreed in sufficient numbers on two other proposals – in 2008 when they increased the relinquishment period from one to five years and in 2022 when they agreed to ban disenrollment actions unless fraud or dual enrollment can be proven.

Of the 12 constitutional amendment proposals voted on since 1983's Restoration, three have been adopted.

Langley said his ultimate goal for the current enrollment process is to craft a proposal that will pass. "Something that gets that 67 percent," he said. ■



### **Program Details**

We are excited to announce the K-5 Summer Program! Native students will participate in a wide variety of fun and rewarding experiences that are educational, cultural and recreational which include two weeks of swim lessons and off-campus field trips.

#### Program Dates and Days

June 12th - August 10th Mondays through Thursdays 8am-5:15pm

#### Program Location

CTGR Campus Education Buildings/Other Off-campus field trips weekly

#### Who can sign up?

Native students currently in kindergarten through fifth grade (2022-23 school year) in the local service area and out of the area. Please note that our Tribal preference policy will be in place.

#### When and How Can I Sign Up My Child? April 24th (8am) - May 5th

Sign-up online at the link below. <u>Students currently in 5th grade (2022-23) are eligible and able to choose to participate in the K5 program or the 6-12 program and would be eligible for swim lessons for either group. Please note; there are limited spots available for the K2 and 3-5 program, <u>early registration is recommended!</u> Parents/guardians will be notified the week of May 8th if your child will be accepted into the program. Please note: if accepted into the program a full application will need to be completed.</u>

<u>Sign up here</u> <u>2023 K-5 Summer Program (google.com</u>)



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