

Tribal Community Meetings

Community meetings are being held to gather valuable input from the tribal membership regarding the future direction of the Tribe. Topics of discussion will include: use of tribal revenues, focus of tribal programs, and how to maintain the physical and financial well-being of the Tribe for generations to come. Exact locations (including meeting rooms), directions, and agenda items will be announced in a special flier that will be sent out to tribal members within the next week.

All meetings will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the following cities:

Monday, June 29	Portland.....	Terwilliger Education Center 6318 SW Corbett, Room 1
Tuesday, June 30	Salem	Chemeketa Community College Bldg. 3, Room 118-119
Wednesday, July 1	Eugene	to be announced
Monday, July 13	Grand Ronde	Community Center
Thursday, July 16.....	Bend/Redmond ..	to be announced

Respected Elder passes away

Respected tribal leader **PAUL F. WHITEHEAD** passed away on May 29 at Ashland Community Hospital in Ashland, Oregon. Funeral services were held at the Siletz Tribal Community Center on June 4.

Paul Francis Whitehead was born April 9, 1924 to Frank Whitehead and Elizabeth Paul. He was a member of the Ktunaxa Nation of the St. Mary's Band Reserve, near Cranbrook, British Columbia. Preceded in death are his parents; a son, Paul Francis Whitehead Jr., in 1956; and daughter, Linda J. Whitehead-King, in 1993.

Paul is survived by his wife Donna Hufteling Whitehead of Phoenix, OR; three sons, Stuart, Craig, and Tony, all of Siletz; two daughters, Peggy Medina of Eddyville, Oregon and Tami Miner, of Siletz; two stepchildren, Scott Curtis and Alesia Breazeale, both of Medford, OR. Paul had ten grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Paul moved from Cranbrook to Siletz in 1950 with the Deskin's Christmas Tree Company. Shortly thereafter he met his first wife and mother of his children, Betty Logan Whitehead. They were married in 1951.

Paul spent a number of years work-

ing in the Little League Baseball Association and the Siletz Volunteer Fire Department.

In 1977, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz was restored to federal recognition, and Paul was an instrumental figure in teaching cultural dancing. His cultural knowledge helped establish pow-wows throughout Western Oregon and for many years he was the whip-man for pow-wows, including the Annual Grand Ronde Pow-wow.

Paul resided in the Eugene-Springfield area. While in this community he was active in the Eugene School District Native Program, and the Springfield Title IV Program. He was the Elder advisor at Sky Camp, which is the Title IV Cultural Youth Summer Camp.

Paul then moved to Salem. It was there that he met and married Donna Hufteling in 1991. While in the Salem area, Paul was active in cultural activities at Nanitch Sahallie Youth Treatment Center and Chemawa Indian School. In 1997, Paul and Donna moved to Phoenix, Oregon, where he resided at the time of his passing. Paul will be forever remembered by his friends at the Grand Ronde Tribe and in Native communities throughout Western Oregon.



Tribal Council member Mark Mercier with Paul Whitehead in 1994.

SEEKERS: We want to know!

Seekers is a community-based group interested in preserving and protecting the culture and heritage of Grand Ronde. The group meets once per month to have an exchange and discussion about genealogy, and the history of Grand Ronde in general. We are interested in what you know about Grand Ronde and how we got here. We currently have a cookbook project underway. We need your suggestions on making this a success. We encourage and invite the Grand Ronde community to come join us on **Saturday, June 27** at 10 a.m. at the Community Center.

Letters

Dear Editor:

I was really saddened when I witnessed the rude behavior of some tribal members at our May General Council meeting. I would guess that the majority of our members expect everyone to follow the rules of common courtesy, and this certainly isn't what is happening.

What can we do to ensure that all of us exhibit courtesy at our meetings? Why should our Tribal Council have to feel threatened by a member who would grab the microphone and advance on members of Council in a menacing way? As one Tribal Council member mentioned to us, why should we allow our Elders to become upset with the behavior at our meetings and therefore, not attend? Our Elders' presence is needed to encourage people to observe rules of conduct.

I would urge tribal members who think they could influence our meetings in a positive way to attend meetings. You are badly needed. I would ask all who are bothered by the kind of behavior that occurred at the last meeting to be thinking of ways to improve the behavior of this minority of rude people. Let's speak out!

Yours truly,

Marilyn Portwood
Roll # 2915

Dear Editor,

My husband and I would like to thank Bryan Langley and the Tribe for helping us get our home and acreage in Central Oregon. It has been a real dream come true for us.

Thanks again,
Gene and Ray Guillory

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UPCOMING DEADLINES:

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Monday, July 6, 1998



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