

Pow-wow Committee Now Accepting Bids For Meals

The Pow-wow Committee is accepting bids for the meals catered during the Annual Contest Pow-wow — August 18-20, 2006. Bids should include the following:

- ◆ Breakfast Saturday & Sunday morning for 600 people each day. Bid includes: meal plan, cost of food, preparation, staff costs, serving and clean up.
- ◆ Salmon Dinner on Saturday evening for 1,200 people. Bid includes: meal plan, cost of food, preparation, staff costs, serving, and clean up.

All bids must be received by Monday, June 12, 2006 and include 3 references and a description of past experience.

Please submit bids to:
Pow-wow Committee
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

For more information contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037 or 1-800-422-0232.

Attention Tribal Members:

2006 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 25 — Nominations For Tribal Council Only

NOTE THAT ALL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETINGS START AT 11 A.M.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Meetings

DATE	TIME
June 14	5 p.m.
June 28	5 p.m.

Please note that these times and dates subject to change if needed. Please call Dakota Whitecloud, Tribal Council Relations Coordinator at 503-879-1309 to confirm.

Letters

The Pictures Of Our Past,

I feel I need to give everyone some background about the picture I donated to Spirit Mountain Casino and a little about its authenticity. The picture is of my grandparents and uncle and was taken during a parade in Salem many years ago. It was removed from its hanging place at the casino a little while ago and I have been told that the reason for the removal was because an employee said it was offensive and not authentic. How much more authentic can a picture be that for it to be an original print from a documented event? Some history, my grandmother was Maude Warren Hudson, her father John Warren was a young boy, only seven years old when our people were made to walk up to Grand Ronde from southern Oregon valley during the middle of winter. Maude was a moccasin maker, basket weaver and she beaded. My Grandpa Abe was Chairman of Tribal Council in 1935 and 1936. He signed the constitution adopted at that time. My Uncle Ken Hudson served in the U.S. Navy and returned to this area after 20 years of service.

My Grandpa Abe was a custodian at the State Capital for many years and became good friends with a lot of legislative people. Governor McKay, at the time he was governor, asked my grandpa if he, grandma and Uncle Ken would be in a parade in Salem. So, with that they had my grandma put the outfits together. The outfits were not any grand regalia like we often see today, just something grandpa put together. They were Grand Ronde and did not try to mimic the regalia of the Sioux and Cheyenne and other planes Tribes like so many do today. She saved her buckskin to make moccasins and beaded things and along with her baskets she would make, traded them or sold them for food or clothing for her family. Her baskets and bead works are probably still all over the Salem area to this day. So, for anyone to say the picture is offensive and not authentic is not accurate. All I can say is shame on them. The people in the picture are authentic, the clothing they wore is authentic, it was an authentic event and it is an authentic part of our history. Grandma Maude was also the sister to our Eldest Tribal member Nora Kimsey. These are some of our oldest Tribal families.

Thank you to whoever put the picture back up at the casino. Everyone is please remember that the people from our past do not have to look like cigar-store Indians to have to be in authentic Native dress or to have made an authentic picture. Taking the picture down hurt some, but for anyone to say it was not authentic was offensive to our ancestors and to me.

A very proud granddaughter of Maude Warren Hudson and Abe Hudson.
Valarene Grout
Roll #268

The Enrollment Ad-Hoc Committee Will Hold Informational Meetings For Tribal Members On:

Saturday, June 10 — Tacoma — 1 p.m. — location to be determined
Sunday, June 11 — Portland — 1 p.m. — location to be determined
Saturday, June 24 — Eugene — 5 p.m. — location to be determined
Sunday, June 25 — Grand Ronde — after the Tribal Council nominations meeting approximately 1:30 p.m. at the community center

Please call Debby Larsen at 503-879-2332 for exact locations.

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Tuesday, June 20	JULY 1
Wednesday, July 5	JULY 15
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Friday, August 4	AUGUST 15
Friday, August 18	SEPTEMBER 1
Tuesday, September 5	SEPTEMBER 15

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