

Tribal Council nominations set

Tribal Council nominations will be accepted at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 29, at the Tribal Community Center.
For more information or questions, call the Elections Office at 503-879-2271 or 800-422-0232, ext. 2271.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE Wednesday, June 18 **TIME** 5 p.m.

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

Letters

Dear *Smoke Signals*:

I want to thank the Royalty girls for all their wonderful help with the Mother's Day Tea.

The girls were very helpful with serving and making sure everyone had something to eat and drink.

Plus, they stayed and helped clean up.

Thanks again, girls. You're wonderful.

Anna Hannan Lyon

Dear *Smoke Signals*:

I have been a Democrat all of my life and I was raised in a Democratic family. I am heartsick that Hillary Clinton, who had the most popular votes, is being pushed out of becoming the Democratic nominee for president of the United States. What kind of nation are we where the voice of the majority of the people is overlooked and the super delegates have the power?

The Democratic Party is at fault here to have the super delegate system. One super delegate's vote is equal to 10,000 people and 842 super delegates control 40 percent of the vote. How is that right? They also took away the voice of the voters in Florida and Michigan, and that is unforgivable because both of those states went to Sen. Clinton.

I will not support Barack Hussein Obama. He was unable to achieve the number of delegates he needed to receive the nomination. His church and pastor push and support African-American movement and value systems above all else. His wife is a radical and ashamed of the United States of America. Obama was raised as a privileged, rich young person. He was not raised with poor folks and cannot identify with blue-collar, working-class people.

I may just end up writing in the name of Hillary Clinton or Ron Paul as a protest vote. I have not decided yet. I feel I might as well throw my vote away because the people did not have a voice in this election from the beginning with the way the Democrats run their party system. Actually, I don't see where the Republicans have that much choice either ... unless you want the war to go on for 100 years.

Rosemary Good Jameson

Roll #883

Sliver Park dedication



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, right, shares a laugh with former Portland Mayor Vera Katz during the Vera Katz Park dedication ceremony in Portland on Thursday, May 29. Spirit Mountain Community Fund donated \$100,000 to the park project and Chairwoman Kennedy gave the invocation. The Tribal Honor Guard also participated in the dedication event.

Tribal Office Closures

All Tribal offices will be closing at noon Thursday, July 3, and will be closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

Contest Powwow vendor information

If you are interested in being a vendor for the Grand Ronde Annual Contest Powwow, Aug. 15-17, 2008, contact Shannon Simi or Dana Ainam at 1-800-242-8196 to request an application.

Social Services Committee members wanted

Applications are being accepted for the newly formed Social Services Committee. Contact Dakota Whitecloud, Tribal Council Relations Coordinator, at 503-879-1309, 1-800-422-0232, ext. 1309, or e-mail at dakota.whitecloud@grandronde.org to obtain an application.

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Monday, July 7.....	JULY 15
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