

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, July 16	5 p.m.
Wednesday, July 30	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.

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.

Letters**Dear Smoke Signals:**

I would like to thank S&T for their wonderful and moving letter highlighting the Leno family and all of their achievements at our Tribe. It's great to know that other Tribal members and employees of the Tribe aren't petty and manipulative, and truly appreciate the success that others have attained at great cost to themselves and their families.

Also, as timely as this letter could have been, I was greatly pleased that it wasn't used as a cheap smear campaign against any family, any constituency or any individual who may be running for Tribal Council this year. Others would have taken the opportunity to hurl half-truths and innuendo in an attempt to emotionalize the election, limiting true election issue debate. Instead, S&T simply decided to emphasize the fact that many of our Tribal members are returning to our traditional lands and taking roles of importance in forwarding and promoting our economic stability and cultural history through Tribal government service. This is certainly something to be proud of.

Thank you for underscoring the fact that anyone with enough fortitude and courage can serve our Tribal membership in so many capacities: from Tribal Council to department and program leadership to board and committee volunteerism.

You show with elegance and humility that we are all part of one nation, one confederation of many Bands and Tribes, and one family who support each other unconditionally, unreservedly and completely.

With deepest sincerity,

Charles G. Haller II
Roll #1032

Dear Smoke Signals:

I am extremely upset with receiving a letter at my home address regarding Councilman Reyn Leno and his family.

As a member of CTGR, I have the right to expect that my personal information is kept safe and confidential. This person or persons have not just attacked Reyn and his family, but has jeopardized all of us on the mailing list by this act. Our personal information is being utilized by an apparent current employee for whatever cause.

I want the matter investigated and prosecuted.

On a personal note: How dare this person attack an Elder who has kept our cemetery up for years. Shame on you! May you reap what you sow.

Sanda L. Henny
Roll #409

See page 11 for more letters.

New SOLV director

Photo by Summer Youth employee Bianca Rose

SOLV's new Director Dianna Smiley, third from left, met with Tribal Council members, from left, June Sell-Sherer, Steve Bobb Sr., Valorie Sheker, Jack Giffen Jr. and Kathleen Tom on Wednesday, June 25.

— NOTICE —

All requests for members of the Grand Ronde Honor Guard are to be made in writing and sent to Steve Rife, Chairman, Veterans' Special Event Board, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. For questions, call Rife at 503-917-1084.

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