

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Dec. 3	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 17	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 31 (tentative).....	4 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.

Tribal Committee and Special Event Board vacancies

Culture Committee	1 vacancy
Education Committee	2 vacancies
Fish & Wildlife Committee	2 vacancies
Powwow SEB	2 vacancies
Rodeo SEB	4 vacancies
Veterans SEB	2 vacancies
Social Services Committee	1 vacancy

Letters

Dear Tribal members:

Well, better late than never. I've had a letter ready on two other occasions, but I missed the deadline due to business travel.

I sincerely thank the people who supported me during the last election. I sincerely appreciate your support and it is rewarding to know that so many people have the same kind of thoughts and goals as myself.

I will do my best to repay you by doing the job that I think is best. Be assured that I will always voice my opinion.

Wink Soderberg

Roll #777

Dear Smoke Signals:

I was inspired this beautiful fall day — a time of the west wind when things reach maturity, the end stages of development, a time of reflection — to remind all of you that your voice is important.

This is your Tribe. If you have concerns, have a question or want to share knowledge; you, as Tribal members, have that right to speak your piece, providing that you always do so in honor and respect of our traditions. It is important that your voice be heard in a good way. The people, Council and the spirits most of all will hear your words.

I bring these things to your attention because I have concerns and have been troubled by a most unacceptable practice of some Tribal Council members of receiving pay for more than one position. I tell you now; this is wrong and must stop. This does not reflect the values of our tradition of sharing.

The position of Tribal Council is one of high honor; it is demanding, and requires one to do all jobs, all tasks. When that responsibility is accepted, one accepts all that comes with it.

One job, one paycheck, share the responsibility, share the wealth so that other families may contribute to the Tribe and enrich their families. That is tradition, sharing. Find your voice, reach out, connect and communicate with one another. You want equal opportunity and to put an end to the practice of holding more than one position. Nothing will ever change if you do not speak up.

Remember, change is good. It means we are putting the work in to improving upon what we have, make it better. Do not wait for others to create opportunities for you, make them happen for you. A closed mouth does not get fed.

Always with honor and respect,

Walter F. "Butch" Simmons

Roll #2317

Looking Wolf to perform Dec. 5

Tribal member Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach will perform in concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, in the Performance Center at Second and Evans streets in McMinnville with Tim Yett (Cherokee).

Doors will open at 6 p.m. for VIP seating and at 7 p.m. for general seating.

Yett will open the show with flute songs from his new CD "Creating Sacred Space." Renowned Native American dancer Deitrich Peters (Grand Ronde) will perform with a drum group as well.

Reibach will perform solo flute songs from his 2007 release "Unity," as well as new music from his rock-flute fusion CD "The Looking Wolf Project."

Reibach recently received the Flutist of the Year award from both the Native American Music Awards and Indian Summer Music Awards for "Unity."

Tickets are \$15 for general seating and \$10 for those 12 and under and Elders 55 and older. VIP passes are \$50 and include a pass to the VIP room where there will be food, music and visiting with the artists, as well as an autographed poster and copy of the new CD.

For ticket information, call Kathy Sohler at 503-705-7330 or send an e-mail to lookingwolfmusic@yahoo.com. ■

General Council meeting

Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008 — 11 a.m.
Tribal Community Center

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