

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, April 22	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:

Carl and Betty Lambert would like to thank family and friends for the cards and support in the loss of our grandson, Alan Johnson, who suffered a fatal seizure on March 31 and leaves behind a daughter.

Betty Lambert
Roll #2104

Dear Smoke Signals:

I am speaking for all the Native brothers incarcerated in the three minimum prison facilities in Salem — Mill Creek Correctional Facility, Santiam Correctional Institute and Oregon State Penitentiary minimum. We are in need of a volunteer to come in and run or just sit in while we run our sweat lodge ceremony like a chaperone.

We have a lot of Natives from a lot of great nations looking for spiritual guidance and balance to walk the Red Road in prison and to continue to walk it upon our release. Learning our Native culture for some is so important. There are Natives who never had the opportunity to learn our sacred ways to better themselves and maybe save their lives.

The inmates at the three prisons circle up for our sweat lodge ceremony at Santiam Correctional Institute since it is the only prison out of the three that has a sweat lodge, once a month or sometimes once every two months. It is not enough. There are other spiritual programs that have meetings three times a week. The Native Circle is always cut short on our rights of our ceremonies because a lack of volunteers to come in.

We have one volunteer who is a great man who we have all the love and respect for, but he is getting up on his age, plus because of transportation problems he cannot make it all the time.

So please, we are asking for help, for a volunteer. To become a volunteer, contact Dr. Richard Roy, Lead Chaplain, SCIMCCF, 4005 Aumsville Highway S.E., Salem, Ore. 97317, or 503-378-2144, ext. 423, or fax 503-378-8520.

Aho!
Tim Kneeland
Roll #920

Dear Smoke Signals:

This letter is regarding the sale of the Grand Ronde Reservation as of June 27, 1901, and approved April 28, 1904. This was for 25,791 acres, which sold for \$28,500. That is approximately \$1.10 an acre. The vote was 60 adult men voting out of the 107 adult men on the reservation. The payment was to be made to adults share and share alike and the children could not receive their share until they reached the age of 18 years. The information does not include that 440 acres were saved for government purposes and when no longer needed would either be allotted to minor beneficiaries who had not received allotments of land or sold for the benefit of the Indians at the discretion of the Secretary.

The information regarding the sale of the Grand Ronde Reservation in the state of Oregon is documented on pages 435, 436 and 437 in the book "Documents of American Indian Diplomacy" by Vine DeLoria, Raymond J. DeMallie and Daniel Inouye.

When our membership argues about voting for Tribal Council membership and how few voted for the amendments to our Constitution and bylaws (Re: Membership), let us remember 1901 and when only 60 adult men were able to sell our reservation. I suppose there are documents somewhere in the archives on how this sale was approached, discussed and concluded. Our official Tribal government has gone through changes over the years after the establishment of the Grand Ronde Reservation on June 30, 1857. I am not able to find the documentation of when or how a formal Tribal government organization took place. I believe it was the Indian Reorganization Act, June 1, 1934, that made the Grand Ronde Tribes a formal organization recognized by the federal government. However, with the lack of a formal Tribal organization, it appears in print that a convening of the adult men of Grand Ronde took place in 1901 and the agenda was to conclude the sale of the reservation to the U.S. government. The land was subsequently available for other purposes rather than the future benefit of the Grand Ronde Indian Tribal membership.

I strongly suggest that the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde develop a history class to research documents of our beginning to the present time. It should prove helpful to our youth to know their Tribal history. American history is taught that way.

Claudette Parazoo (Williams-Summers)
Roll #2923

Corrections: In the April 1 *Smoke Signals*, Tribal Elder Leonette Galligher's parents were identified as Yakama Tribal members. In fact, Leonette's mother, Margaret Hoptowit Vivette, was Yakama, but her father, Leonard Vivette, was Grand Ronde.

Also, a cutline in the March 15 *Smoke Signals* incorrectly identified Arianna Nava-Sanchez as a Tribal member. She is a Tribal descendant.

Smoke Signals regrets the errors.

General Council meeting

Sunday, May 3 — 11 a.m.

Tribal Community Center

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