

Per capita notice

Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, is the per capita date for the third quarterly payment. Members are not required to do anything to receive this quarter's per capita distribution. However, anyone wanting to change their address should call Hollie Mercier at 503-879-2490 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2490.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Sept. 16	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 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.

Letters

Dear Tribal members:

While attending the powwow on Aug. 15, I was appalled to see the disrespect of non-Native people concerning the Elders section. My daughter and I have attended for many years. We are both Elders. Non-Native people were putting their chair in front of the blue ones in the Elders section with total disregard for the people in the blue chairs.

Also, there were families (non-Elders) with small children in the Elders section.

Before when we have gone, there has been a tape just a bit in front of the blue chairs to keep people off of the dancing area. I would also suggest that signs be posted on the front ends of the first row to inform people that this is an Elders section. Perhaps this could be better policed just for the Elders as it was intended to be.

There were Native people who were in front of us that informed the non-Natives and younger that they could not sit there. These non-Natives were disrespectful and ignored what was said to them and sat there in the Elders section anyway. I do hope that next year and the years to come that this problem can be resolved. Thank you.

Gean Baker
Crawfordsville, Ore.

Dear Smoke Signals:

I have a request of *Smoke Signals* and Indian people in general.

The words that we use are very important in delivering messages and in influencing people and decision makers.

I ask that the paper and all Indian people and nations consider using the word "citizen" when describing ourselves and in describing and talking about Tribal peoples instead of using the word "member."

As Indians know, being an enrolled citizen of a Tribal government is a political matter and we need to reflect that principle in the language and the words we use. We are not members of private organizations like the Elks Club or the PTA, for example.

Instead, Indians are citizens of political bodies and sovereign nations. We should use the words "citizen" and "citizenship" when talking about Tribal governments and their people.

Robert J. Miller (Eastern Shawnee)
Grand Ronde Judge
Lewis & Clark Law School professor

See page 14 for more letters.

CULTURAL GATHERINGS

- SEPT. 19-20: **AGNESS ILLAHE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE.** Foster Bar Campground and Boating Facility. **AGNESS, OR.** 541-439-4285 or belvabell@hotmail.com.
- SEPT. 25: **4TH ANNUAL DANCING IN THE SQUARE POWWOW.** Pioneer Courthouse Square, S.W. Broadway & S.W. Yamhill. **PORTLAND, OR.** 503-228-4185.

If you or anyone you know has information on cultural events happening, *Smoke Signals* would be glad to list it in our Cultural Gatherings. Please e-mail news@grandronde.org or write to *Smoke Signals*, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Correction: A story in the Sept. 1 *Smoke Signals* incorrectly misspelled the name of Tribal member Kenny Foster's friend and neighbor. The correct spelling is Claudia Corson. *Smoke Signals* regrets the error.

Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closed on Friday, Sept. 25, in observance of National Indian Day.

General Council meeting
Sunday, Oct. 4 — 11 a.m.
Tribal Community Center

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Tuesday, Oct. 20	NOV. 1
Thursday, Nov. 5	NOV. 15
Friday, Nov. 20	DEC. 1
Friday, Dec. 4	DEC. 15

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