

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

| DATE | TIME |
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| Wednesday, Nov. 4 | 5 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Nov. 18 | 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:

Tribal Council elections for 2009 have concluded and Toby McClary, Val Sheker and I were elected for three-year terms.

Thank you to all who voted during this election and I especially appreciate those who supported and encouraged me throughout the campaign period.

Campaigning is hard work and all the candidates did a tremendous job in running for office. I will congratulate every candidate for the effort and interest in wanting to lead our Tribe.

I will continue to work on issues that are important to the membership and work to establish our sovereignty as a nation. I am most grateful for my family, who stood with me and helped fashion my beliefs, character and strong cultural ways during my formative years. It has truly proven to be a cornerstone for my leadership ability.

I look forward to serving in my Tribal Council role and leading the Tribal Council as the chairwoman.

God bless my people.

Cheryle A. Kennedy
Roll #1

Dear Smoke Signals:

As a frequent guest of Spirit Mountain Casino, I like to read *Smoke Signals*.

Your recent article on stopping smoking in Tribal casinos was of personal interest. I was a hardcore smoker for 38 years. Then quit 10 years ago.

There are many non-smokers who play in the main casino. They, as well as my husband and I, hate a smoker sitting next to them after investing several hundred in a machine.

You would (the casino) save lots of money on cleanup and ashtrays by moving smokers into a non-smoking room. Then have the rest of the casino be smoke-free.

I was a guest on Wednesday, Oct. 14, and had a snit match with a hostile smoker blowing smoke in my face. I had lots of money in the machine. She took offense at my waving the smoke away. My husband thought she was going to hit me. She lost her \$5 and then left.

Granted, this was an isolated incident. Most smokers are more considerate.

So much for my two cents.

Sharon Allen
Molalla

Donations needed

The Grand Ronde Community Resource Center has a few fundraisers and other projects planned this year and is seeking donations, etc.

- **Community Cookbook:** Looking for your favorite recipe. If you have a recipe you'd like to share, please e-mail it to grcrc@hotmail.com or mail to GRCRC, P.O. Box 55, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Please include the name of dish, recipe, your name for publication in the cookbook and a phone number to contact you if there are any questions.

- **Food Preservation:** The center is still seeking food dehydrators for its food preservation program. If you have one you'd like to donate, please e-mail or call and leave a message at 503-879-5731.

- **Coupon Program:** The center is looking for food and non-food item coupons for its coupon program. ■

Youth Canoe Club

Every Wednesday 4- 5 p.m.
Youth Education Building

Contact Lisa Leno at 503-879-1471 or Travis Mercier at 503-879-2143 for more information.

Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day.

General Council meeting

Sunday, Dec. 6 — 11 a.m.
Tribal Community Center

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