

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Jan. 13	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 27	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.

Letters

Dear Smoke Signals:

Regarding the Tribal-state discussions about dealing with our difficult times, it was good to learn of the creative ways different Tribes are managing without continually depending on the federal government.

As an Elder of 89 years, I know how it was during the Depression of the 1930s. It was worse than what we are experiencing so far today. There were no credit cards, which was good. You could not spend what you did not have. And you could not depend on "the government" to pay your utility bill. After all, the government is the taxpayer, and the taxpayer was broke.

And health care? What health care? Cheryle Kennedy hit it right on the button for Indians when she said "we are the only ones who pre-paid for our health care" by ceding land in the 1850s to the federal government in numerous treaties that promised health care.

We all have to do for ourselves what we can instead of depending on an undependable federal government.

Bessie Baugh
Antelope, Calif.

Dear Smoke Signals:

The Grand Ronde Community Resource Center would like to thank the following people and organizations for their recent donations to our first annual dinner/auction:

Three Rivers Casino, Maribell's, Umpqua Indian Foods, Rock Salt Imports, Spirit Mountain Casino Sponsorship Program, Chinook Frontier Traders, Fine Earth, Mill Creek Studios, Westland Giftware, Jody Bergsma Gallery, Glass Eye Studios, Tline Design, Raven's Brew, Blaze International Designs by Mara, Dakota Whitecloud, Linda Olson, Leona Jeffers, Buddy White, Evelyn Sidell-Jeffers, Petite Family Creations/Gladys Hobbs, Tim and Deanne Trimpe, Oscar Norwest, Beverly Warren, Kaila Ferrell-Smith, Michael Derrickson, Terrilyn Dilts, Bev Fry, Charlene McManis, Patti Tom-Martin, Jon George, Heather Dade, Bernadette Shriver, Phyllis Kelley, Tribal Council, Nathan and Sarah Miller, Diana Stallard, Val Sheker, Candi Johnson, Michelle's Chocolate Truffles, Lee Chulik, Patrice Qualman, Nancy Holmes, Kathy Tom, Sam Henny, Norris Merrill and Chris Mercier.

Patrice Qualman
Grand Ronde Community Resource Center

Powwow seeking vendors

The second Gathering of Oregon First Nations Powwow set for Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem is seeking Native American vendors.

For more information, contact Mona Fisher at 800-922-1399, ext. 1230, or 541-444-8230, or send her an e-mail at monaf@ctsi.nsn.us. ■

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