

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings
DATE **TIME**
 Wednesday, May 19.....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:

I am glad to see that we have finally received our copy of the investigation report regarding the Leno letter.

I want to give thanks to Val, Toby, June, Steve and Reyn for voting to send us our own copy so we can be aware of the findings of the investigation.

I do recall throughout the years listening to and reading the campaigns of many of our current Tribal Council members and I recall transparency, honesty, hearing the concerns of the Tribal members.

I know our Tribal Council faced a difficult decision deciding on rather, or rather not, to send out a copy of this report. But in my own opinion, the decision was a right one.

By attending our General Council meetings, it became very obvious to me that the majority of the attending members were requesting a mail out of this report be sent to all Tribal members.

Upon reading this report, we are reminded to keep a watchful eye over our personal information and our financial accounts, and that our private records may have been breached, which in conclusion tells me that the information given out in this report is definitely our business.

Once again, I would like to thank our Tribal Council for the yes votes and listening to the membership.

Rex Haller
 Roll # 905

Dear Smoke Signals:

On April 10, 2010, the Ohio branch of the International Order of King's Daughters and Sons Inc. honored the lifeway of Kathryn Jones Harrison by a moment of silence and prayer.

Key points of her life story, extraordinary achievements and spiritual force were shared from "Standing Tall," her biography written by Kristine Olson.



The book was recommended to me in 2007 by Stephanie Wood, currently in the Cultural Resources Department of Grand Ronde. Stephanie was a North American Indian Scholarship student of IOKDS.

"Standing Tall" touched my spirit and I felt compelled to share it with King's Daughters and Sons' members. The poster pictured here featured photographs and information from the book to illustrate the talk for an Ohio Branch Circle and Spring Conference.

The following prayer concluded the tribute:

"Thank you, God, for your mercy and grace given Kathryn Jones Harrison. She overcame many struggles to be of service to You in the world, improving the lives of many. Her accomplishments are extraordinary, demonstrating vision and courage, as well as hard work. We ask your continued blessing upon her. Amen."

Dorie Christy

North American Indian Director

Ohio Branch, International Order of King's Daughters and Sons Inc.
 Medina, Ohio

Dear Tribal members:

Many people helped make this Tribe and our community successful. We've had great Tribal leaders over the years who have guided our development. We've had non-member friends and supporters who have worked next to us to build our community. It's always awe-inspiring to think that Grand Ronde was once an economic dead zone — now it's an economic hotspot.

I'd like to thank a friend and supporter who recently made a significant contribution to our Tribal community. Thank you to Dwayne Davis and the Portland Gay Men's Chorus for their recent fundraiser at the casino. The chorus came to Grand Ronde and gave a benefit community performance to benefit our local Food Bank. What a gracious act. Nearly 100 chorus members donated their time and talent to perform at our casino on Saturday, April 24. If you missed the concert, you missed a great performance. The chorus sang a variety of Queen and ABBA songs, and dressed for the time period. What an awesome show!

Thank you, Dwayne, and every member of the chorus for your contribution to the Grand Ronde community and our Food Bank. Thank you, too, to the casino staff and the Food Bank board members for your work and dedication to make Grand Ronde a better place during a difficult time.

Shelley Hanson
 Roll # 1779

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Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closing at noon Friday, May 28, and be closed on Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.

Tribal Council Nominations
Sunday, June 27 — 11 a.m.
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Friday, June 4	June 15
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Tuesday, July 6	July 15
Tuesday, July 20	Aug. 1
Thursday, Aug. 5	Aug. 15
Thursday, Aug. 19	Sept. 1

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