

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Oct. 27.....	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

Fellow Tribal Members:
The Yamhill Community Action Partnership is one of several boards I sit on as a Tribal Council member.

YCAP is a non-profit organization that serves many low-income, senior and disabled residents of Yamhill County through services ranging from a food bank to emergency family shelters. For the past two years we have been engaged in a capital campaign for a new client services building and food bank. At present we are roughly 75 percent of the way to our \$2.9 million goal.

Pepsi has generously offered to provide \$250,000 to the top two non-profits that can generate the most online votes by the end of October. YCAP is presently ranked No. 22 on their list as of the time of this letter. They have put forth a valiant effort considering the hundreds of other projects also competing for this generous grant.

I am asking for your help in this effort. All it will take is a few minutes of your time. Please log on to www.yamhillcap.org and click on "Vote for this Idea." It will take you directly to the YCAP page on the Pepsi site. You can vote each of your e-mail addresses online and also vote through texting. Text 102615, send to 73774. Vote every day through Oct. 31.

I have been working with YCAP for several years now and can say very confidently that this organization makes a difference in the lives of people locally.

Thank you,
Chris Mercier
Roll #1821

General Council meeting
Sunday, Nov. 7 — 11 a.m.
Tribal Community Center

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Friday, Nov. 5.....	Nov. 15
Friday, Nov. 19.....	Dec. 1
Friday, Dec. 3.....	Dec. 15

Working the Hill



Photos by Rob Greene

Tribal Council members, from left, Reyn Leno, Jack Giffen Jr. and Steve Bobb Sr. visited Washington, D.C., in late September to talk with members of Oregon's congressional delegation about House Resolution 6070, which would streamline the process for the Grand Ronde Tribe to take former reservation land back into trust. In the top photo, Tribal Council representatives met with 1st District Rep. David Wu and in the bottom photo they are pictured with 5th District Rep. Kurt Schrader, who introduced the resolution. "I think we did some good work on behalf of the Tribe," Giffen said at the Oct. 3 General Council meeting about the trip.



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CORRECTION — In recent stories about the Tribal plankhouse opening and the employee appreciation barbecue, *Smoke Signals* did not mention that the events were catered by the Møk Møk Haws in Grand Ronde Station. Staffers, half of them Tribal members, put in 44 hours over three days for the plankhouse opening alone.