

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE TIME

Wednesday, Nov. 24.....11 a.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:**

My name is Pamela Darling. I am part of the Leno family. I go to our Tribal office in Portland from time to time. I was asked if I would take in a Tribal young adult and a friend. I took them in with open arms. While there, I asked them to help me with a Facebook page. It was something positive. I wanted other people to know about a Tribe in Utah that has nuclear waste and other toxic materials on their reservation. Each Tribe has a different history. My feelings are beside the point. I wanted people to be aware of these things and think about them; maybe even reach out to one another.

I warned my two guests twice "No fighting," which was pushing and shoving. The third time, we were at the Tribal office, and they were over-the-top rude to our Tribal staff. I told them that is unacceptable behavior and that they would have to leave.

They blocked me from my Facebook page, removed me and changed my password. I asked my roommate if he could find my Facebook page. Well, the rude little fellows hacked my page beyond belief. To say stuff about me is one thing, but my family does not deserve this. We have worked very hard for the respect we receive.

I have been a hospice caregiver since 1995. I have an incredible résumé. I work well under a doctor's or nurse's directions. Most recently, I started my own hospice business, which will someday be passed on to our Tribe. Approximately five years ago, I had a will made up of my assets and my home, to be sold off, half to our Tribe and half to a sick nephew who was accidentally left off the roll. When I address people, it is Sir or Mam. If I'm going to call someone on the carpet, it is going to be done privately. I would not have the outstanding résumé I do if I did not handle things in a professional way. The Leno letter is being dealt with. I love my family, and I stand behind their decisions. I just wanted to help two people in need.

My one and only goal in life is to make a difference, and if someone wants to pass away in their home, I'll be right there with my love and compassion.

Pamela Darling
Roll #2247

Dear Smoke Signals:

The family of Tribal Elder Birl Russell Porter would like to thank the Grand Ronde Tribe, the Veterans' Color Guard, Chaplain Bud Abbott, Brad Kowing, Mary Leith, Cassandra Scott and Wendell Olson for their assistance and participation in the memorial service for Birl Russell Porter.

We are thankful for the support, condolences and kindness during this difficult time.

Joanne Porter
Susan Hoagland
Roll #2215
Janet Carpenter
Roll #1975

2010 Tribal Marketplace dates

- Nov. 19-20, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Nov. 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Dec. 3-4, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dates subject to change due to conflicting Tribal or SMC events. Located across from Cedar Plank Buffet. For more information, contact Buzz Simmons at 971-226-9799.

Thanksgiving potluck set in Eugene

The Tribal satellite office in Eugene will hold a Thanksgiving potluck for area Tribal members from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18.

Tribal members should bring their favorite dish to share.

For more information, call Tammy Bovee at 541-484-7085.

The Eugene satellite office is at 711 County Club Road, Suite 1A. ■

Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closed on Monday, Nov. 22, in observance of Restoration Day. Offices also will be closing on Wednesday, Nov. 24, at noon and closed on Thursday, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26, in observance of Thanksgiving.

General Council meeting
Sunday, Dec. 5 — 11 a.m.

Tribal Community Center
Tribal Council-sponsored Christmas
Party and meal to follow in gym.

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