

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, April 13.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 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

Dear Tribal members:

To Tribal members, Tribal Council members, co-workers and family members, my name is Kenny Paul Lafferty. Some of you may know me and some may not.

I am writing this letter to apologize for my absence. I am sorry for being inconsiderate of others and lack of equity to all. I am now incarcerated at the Oregon State Penitentiary. I'm on old guidelines parole and must go before the Parole Board in the months to come.

I ask for forgiveness from all I may have let down: Tribal Council, supervisors, Tribal members and family. I am in need of a show of support. One may write me and I'll forward the support letters to the board or one may send them directly.

These letters can be on my demeanor as one knows me or as a part of the Tribe. These letters of support would greatly be appreciated for they would help tremendously. So, please feel free to write. I thank all of you.

May the Creator bless all Tribes, and all who walks on the creation.

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Roll #3605

Off to Iowa



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Outgoing Spirit Mountain Casino Human Resources Director Camille Mercier receives a hug from the casino's Executive Chef Richard Burr during her farewell party and last day of work at the casino on Friday, March 25. Mercier, who is a Tribal member, has worked at the casino since 1996 and resigned to take another Human Resources director job with Ameristar Casinos Inc. in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She also served on Spirit Mountain Community Fund's Board of Trustees more than six years.

Correction — In the story about Lottie Child that appeared in the March 1 issue of *Smoke Signals*, Lottie's brother, Lennie, should be identified as a Tribal Elder, and her daughter, April Loges, should not be identified as a Tribal member. *Smoke Signals* regrets the errors.



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