

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, May 11.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, May 25.....	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 Smoke Signals:**

My name is Maria Pascua and I teach the Makah language at Neah Bay High School on the Makah Reservation in Washington state. I would like to express thanks on behalf of my Makah III language class, which took a trip to Grand Ronde on April 17-18. We brought a small group of 11 people to share a little bit of Makah culture and demonstrate some work the students have done in the presentation of bilingual legend in puppet show form, as well as another bilingual storybook by our senior student, Synon Allen (granddaughter of Cheryl Kennedy).

We wish to give special thanks to Cheryl Kennedy and Jocelyn Huffman for helping us with our accommodations at Spirit Mountain Casino; Bobby Mercier and the singers who greeted us at the plankhouse Sunday evening; and Kathy Cole and her Immersion kindergarten class for the demonstration of Chinuk Wawa; also, Bobby Mercier for the wonderful tour of the canoe project at the museum in Salem. We thank the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde for the work they are doing in language and cultural activities – so inspirational!

We so enjoyed the preschool students, hearing some of your songs and getting to know a little bit more of your history. Also, our group was honored to receive blankets from you – we have a memorable trip and left Grand Ronde with good feelings. Again, we just want to say haiyu masee.

Maria Parker Pascua
Makah

See page 14 for more letters.

Chinuk Wawa classes offered

The Tribal Cultural Education Department offers adult Chinuk Wawa language classes from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday in Room 207 of the Tribal Education Building.

Language classes can be taken for college credit or for fun.

For more information, contact Chinuk Wawa teacher Kathy Cole at 503-879-2249 or 503-437-4599. ■

Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closing at noon on Friday, May 27, and be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

Below is the most current information on the meeting days and times for Tribal Committees and Special Event Boards:

- Ceremonial Hunt Board meets as needed. Chair: Shonn Leno.
- Cultural Trust Board. Meeting schedule to be announced. Chair: Perri McDaniel.
- Culture Committee meets at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Modular No. 3. Chair: Kathy Provost.
- Education Committee meets at 5:15 p.m. on the first Monday of the month in the Adult Education Building. Chair: Shelby Rogers.
- Enrollment Committee meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Building. Acting Chair: Robert Schmid.
- Fish & Wildlife Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources Building. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- Health Committee meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month in the Tribal Wellness Center. Acting Chair: Patti Tom-Martin.
- Powwow Special Event Board meets at 5 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Tribal Community Center. Acting Chair: Dana Ainam.
- Rodeo Special Event Board meets at 6 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Tribal Rodeo Office. Acting Chair: Harold Lyon.
- Social Services Committee meets at 5 p.m. the second Monday of the month in Cultural Resources. Chair: TBD.
- Timber Committee meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Natural Resources Building. Chair: Bob Mercier.
- Veterans Special Event Board meets at 4 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the Tribal Community Center. Chair: Dakota Whitecloud.

**General Council meeting
Sunday, May 1 — 10 a.m.
Tribal Community Center****Smoke Signals****PUBLICATIONS OFFICE**

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