

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, May 25.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, June 8.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, June 22.....	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*:

I would like to say thank you to reporter Ron Karten and all of the people who gave their stories in the recent article about Inter-generational Post Traumatic Stress Disorder that was in the May 1 *Smoke Signals*.

These heartfelt stories are important in identifying the violence and trauma that has affected the Tribe for generations. I would like to add another point to the article, in identifying methods to continue to perpetrate the violence on our next generation we must find ways to stop this.

Personally, I grew up with my mother and grandparents telling me horror stories of atrocities, relocation, familial problems and seeing far more than most should ever be exposed to. I don't replicate this behavior on my children. I don't tell them horror stories of how our family has suffered loss, been subjugated and abused. I do this because they are not old enough to understand the history yet.

I tell them about the good things, I try to not replicate the negative behaviors that my parents and grandparents exposed me to.

It is difficult to try and not repeat these behaviors on my children, and I don't always succeed. It's necessary to break the pattern of internal violence if I expect it to not be repeated by my children. I try to only reinforce the idea that they can only succeed in life and that failure cannot be blamed on the past.

Again, this isn't because I want my children to be ignorant of their past, but I don't want them to feel defeated before they have started. After all, a greater man than I once said: "Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

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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 meets at 4 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. 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.

Special General Council meeting
Sunday, June 26 — 11 a.m.
Tribal Community Center
Tribal Council nominations

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