

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Aug. 3.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 17.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 31.....	5 p.m.

Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.

Letters

Dear Smoke Signals:

On behalf of myself and the Veterans Powwow committee, I would like to thank everyone who participated, helped, worked and contributed to this year's successful powwow.

A huge thanks to the Norwest family, Tribal Council, all powwow committee members, Chad Leno and the whole cleanup crew, Rose and Deitz Peters, Nick Sixkiller, Tony Whitehead, all the drums who attended, Violet Folden for her hard work on the Avenue of Flags, all the vendors for their outstanding products and services as well as their donations to our raffle, and finally to all veterans for their service and sacrifice!

As chairman of the Powwow Committee, I take full responsibility for the actions of my committee members. I would like to extend a heartfelt apology to any and all vendors who may have been treated with anything less than the highest level of respect and service this year. We had some misunderstandings and unfortunately some out and outright conflicts during the set-up and placement of our vendors at this year's event. I worked to rectify any situations that were brought to my attention at the powwow and hope to hear about any other issues which occurred.

I am inviting all vendors, Elders, etc., to the powwow recap meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2011, at the Community Center at 4:30 p.m., to voice their ideas and concerns so we can address them. Please read and distribute this letter to any and all concerned parties.

Thank you again everyone for all your hard work,

Chris Tinney

Chairman

Marce Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow Committee

Dear Smoke Signals:

I am writing this letter to thank the Elders and everyone for supporting my fundraising efforts so that I was able to go to Washington, D.C., this summer. Without your help, I might not have been able to make my trip to D.C. happen.

We visited the Jefferson, Lincoln, World War II, Vietnam and Korean memorials, the Spy, Holocaust and Smithsonian Air and Space museums, Jamestown, Williamsburg, the National Archives (where we were able to see things like the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, which was really cool), the Capitol building and the White House (but we had to stay outside the gates of the White House; we couldn't go inside), and a lot more.

Our school was also picked to put the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. That was really cool because only two groups a day get picked to be a part of the ceremony and we were one of them.

Anyways, I had a really great time and thanks again for your help.

Jordan LaChance

(Granddaughter of Gary and Linda LaChance)

See page 15 for more letters.

Correction — *Smoke Signals* misspelled the name of Tribal Elder and Tribal Council candidate Wesley West in the July 1 edition. *Smoke Signals* regrets the error.

Contest Powwow seeking workers

The Powwow Special Event Board is seeking workers to assist in the areas of parking, cleanup, vendors and microphone runners during the Grand Ronde Contest Powwow on Aug. 19-21.

People interested in working the powwow need to fill out an application to be in the temporary worker pool through the Tribe's Human Resources Department.

Workers will need to complete a background check and pass a urinalysis test. The process takes two weeks to complete, so all applications must be submitted no later than Wednesday, Aug. 3.

There will be a mandatory worker orientation at noon Wednesday, Aug. 17, at Uyxat Powwow Grounds off Hebo Road near Fort Yamhill State Park. ■

Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closing at noon Friday, Sept. 2, and be closed Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of Labor Day.

Election Board office hours

The Election Board office is now open 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday (closed from noon to 12:30 p.m. for lunch). We will remain open until after the Sept. 10 election.

The Election Board office is in the Community Center Building. Telephone number is 503-879-2271, or you may reach us by calling 1-800-422-0232, and ask for ext. 2271. If you need to send over a fax, that number is 503-879-4538.

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