

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE Wednesday, April 18..... **TIME** 5 p.m.
Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.

Letters

Dear Tribal members:

Thank you to Rosemary Jameson and others who are involved for getting together this petition to restore per capita back to 25 percent. Tribal Council budgeting in less than 20 percent is an outrage. I feel they could benefit us even a little more than that, perhaps 30 percent to 40 percent. I think we've lost track here regarding what this whole thing is all about: The members.

It's bad enough that my own two children aren't allowed to become members. I had high hopes that this latest enrollment amendment would go through. The problem is that most of our members are totally inactive when it comes to keeping up with the Tribe and the issues.

Did anyone notice the small amount of ballots returned on that enrollment amendment? Pathetic, when you look at the number of us. So, kudos again to members like Rosemary who take action.

I've read previous letters insinuating that those of us who want more are greedy. It has nothing to do with greed. It's about holding Tribal government and business accountable to what our purpose is here. Once again: The members.

Every spare dollar needs to go to the membership. When I look at the millions of dollars that are given away of ours, while many members suffer, my heart sinks. I'm all about giving and sharing; that's what our people do. However, within reason. We can't starve ourselves in the process. Let's bring this "tradition of giving" to the members instead of to all these outside entities. There has to be a better way here.

Furthermore, let's rein in the ridiculous budget our own government has at its disposal. I'll bet you that most of the traveling (and all the expense that goes along with it) done by our council members is really not needed. In hard times, certainly not! I'd like a big microscope over that as well.

It's up to us! We are in control.

Many thanks,
Adam Jeffers
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See page 15 for more letters.

Correction — In the April 1 issue, *Smoke Signals* incorrectly reported the day of a Chinuk Wawa language presentation at the Willamette Heritage Center by Dr. Henry Zenk, University of Oregon, and Tribal member Kathy Cole, CTGR Cultural Education Programs manager. The correct time and place are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, in the church at Willamette Heritage Center.

General Council meeting

Sunday, May 6 — 10 a.m.

Tribal Community Center

Tribal Community Input meeting at Tribal gym — 1 p.m.

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