

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, July 11.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, July 25.....	4 p.m.

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

Tribe purchases Bearco property

Tribal Council voted 4-0 on Wednesday, June 20, to approve the purchase of the 2.35-acre Bearco property located on the north side of the entrance to the Tribal campus in Grand Ronde.

"We are expected to close on the property in mid-July," said Tribal Lands Manager Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach. "In addition to the parcel being surrounded by Tribal land, we are working on a highest and best use analysis with the Executive Office and Tribal Council. Its location offers many options to the Tribe."

Formerly an auto wrecking location, the Bearco Property has been cleared of vehicles in anticipation of the sale. Reibach said the Tribe purchased the property at a reasonable price after years of negotiations.

"Congratulations to the Tribe," Reibach said at the June 20 meeting. "We have a signed purchase-and-sale agreement."

Reibach said the Tribe has completed the majority of due diligence on the site, including environmental testing. ■

Grand Ronde Health and Wellness Center institutes Broken Appointment Policy

In an effort to make medical services more efficient, the Grand Ronde Health and Wellness Center (H&WC) has approved and instituted a broken appointment policy for medically-related appointments at the H&WC. To qualify as a broken appointment a patient must either not show up for their appointment, show up more than 10 minutes late or give less than 24 hours notice of cancellation. When any of these events occur, the patient is notified in writing. After the third broken appointment in a six-month time frame, the patient will not be allowed to schedule routine appointments. However, they will be offered a "sit and wait appointment" — the chance to sit and wait for an opening with a provider. This probationary period will last for six (6) months. The H&WC has a process for reminding patients of appointments and strives to notify patients of appointments the day before.

The broken appointment policy is very important as broken or missed appointments create unused time in a provider's schedule, which is inefficient financially and leads to barriers to accessing care. Ultimately, a broken appointment policy exists to improve access to care for all patients and is critical to providing responsive, cost-effective health services. ■

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

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| Powwow Special Event Board | 1 Vacancy |
| Social Services | 2 Vacancies |
| Veterans' SEB | 1 Vacancy |

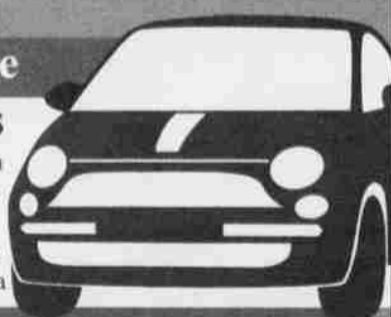
Please send completed applications to the Lauri Smith, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closing at noon Tuesday, July 3, and be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

Transportation to Grand Ronde for Tribal members

The Portland Office has transportation day to Grand Ronde once a month for medical, dental appointments or enrollment cards. We need a minimum of 3 people to sign up. Please call Lisa



503-235-4230

We will leave at the Portland Office at 8 a.m. Please call in advance for the scheduled monthly date

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Tribal Council Candidate Forum

Wednesday, July 25 — 6:30 p.m.
Tribal gymnasium

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