

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, July 17.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, July 31.....	5 p.m.

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

Letters

Dear Smoke Signals:

I tell the truth, and I expose myself as a weak, misguided, misdirected, dysfunctional true blood I used to be.

Blood is thicker than water. Blood, the true bond of connection for creating a future of honesty, diligence, respect, pride, perseverance, patience, modesty, bravery, loyalty and hope to continue with great spirit, the real culture of our Indian nation, true blood nation.

True blood holds the key, the fortress and strength for the timeless ways of patterns, the proper relationship and behavior among the true bloods, animals and importantly our creator.

Our ancestors, true bloods, found harmony with the principles, laws and values of our culture's way of life by evolving like the seasons with opportunity of knowing that as an Indian nation, true blood nation, we can overcome our own aggressions.

Responsibilities to our Indian nation, true blood nation, do not belong in the hands of a privileged few. To live and know that accountability for creating an Indian nation, true blood nation, by which one can foresee that by dishonesty, greed, weakness of bravery and loyalty that only destruction of an Indian nation, true blood nation, tragically disconnects the true purpose.

So what will remain ... wanna-bes.

Sonya L. Connelly
Roll #2327

Dear Smoke Signals:

We would like to thank the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde for choosing to sponsor the Willamina Logging Show. It was such an honor to have Elder Ed Larsen present sharing personnel pictures documenting his years of experience on the job. Especially hearing tales of his time spent working on the Long Bell landing bridged the gap for some of the younger generation who only know of today's Long Bell Diner. It was a pleasure to foster these connections, enabling folks to learn more about our community and the cultural heritage that has shaped life today.

Siobhan Taylor and Julie Brown absolutely enhanced the Logging Show experience with an incredible display and the legendary "Misery whip." Their presentation was greatly appreciated by many of the spectators.

This event grows a little each year in an effort to illustrate the immeasurable range this natural resource offers our daily life. From the portable sawmill to the 1948 Mahl; from Pape's 2013 792 Feller Buncher to Jesse Leavitt's incredible chain saw art.

RootJack revved the crowd with their poignant lyrics of life in the Pacific North woods. The youngest contestant, Miss Chloe, wowed the crowd with her innate lumberjack skills and Mr. Floyd Rosenbalm was awarded a saw bar in appreciation for his lifelong service to logging the Pacific Northwest.

We are humbled by your support and appreciation of the Willamina Logging Show. It is our pleasure to provide awareness and honor to these hard-working men and women with an event that dates back to at least 1922 when the Timber Carnival was held at Valley Junction.

Anyone who is interested in joining the committee or volunteering for next year, please contact us at 503-550-0923 or info@willaminalogging-show.org.

Thank you.
Whistle Punk Adventures

Education offers Chinuk Wawa classes

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

Language classes can be taken for college credit or fun.
For more information, call 503-879-2249 or 503-437-4599. ■

Corrections

- A ceremony held during the June 30 Tribal Council nominations commemorated the establishment of the original Grand Ronde Reservation on June 30, 1857, when President James Buchanan signed an executive order. It was not to commemorate the re-establishment of the Grand Ronde Reservation, which occurred on Sept. 9, 1988, when President Ronald Reagan signed the Grand Ronde Reservation Act into law, returning 9,811 acres to the Tribe.
- An article in the July 1 edition incorrectly reported that Tribal Elder and World War II veteran Gene Hudson participated in the D-Day invasion.
Smoke Signals regrets the errors.

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