

**NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings**  
 DATE TIME  
 Wednesday, Aug. 28.....5 p.m.  
*Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.*

**Letters**

Dear *Smoke Signals*:

I'm glad the Tribe is so cost conscious as to mail *Smoke Signals* at the low rate. However, as of today, the last issue I have received is July 1. Since I have to mail in my ballot by Sept. 7 and I don't even know what issue the candidate statements are in, how can I cast an intelligent, thoughtful ballot?

A *Smoke Signals* issue of such importance should be mailed first class so members can evaluate the statements in time to vote. I checked the Web site, but there was nothing about candidates.

Could someone please look into making this exception to fiscal policy?

Judith Pettibone

Roll #717

*(Editor's note: The video of the July 31 Candidates Forum can be found on the Tribal Web site, www.grandronde.org, under the "Video" section. Also, the candidate statements were mailed out as an issue of Tilixam Wawa and should arrive separately from regular Smoke Signals deliveries. The Tilixam Wawa was mailed out at the standard rate.)*

**Conference welcome**



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

**Columbia County Commissioner Earl Fisher enters Achfa-Hammi as Tribal Council member Jon A. George, right, helps him with the proper way of entering the plankhouse on Sunday, Aug. 11. The Association of Oregon Counties Summer Summit was held at Spirit Mountain Casino on Aug. 11-13, and it began with the plankhouse event hosted by the Tribe. Almost 70 county representatives were welcomed by Public Affairs Director Siobhan Taylor, Tribal Council Vice Chair Jack Giffen Jr. and Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. Tribal Cultural Protection Program Manager and Historic Preservation Officer Eirik Thorsgard talked about the plankhouse and some Tribal history. Land and Culture Department Manager Jan Looking Wolf Reibach talked about his department and played the flute and attendees were served a salmon dinner cooked by Tribal Food Services Coordinator Kristy DeLoe.**

**Tribal Office Closures**

Tribal offices will be closing at noon Friday, Aug. 30, and be closed on Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day. Offices also will be closed on Friday, Sept. 27, in observance of National Indian Day.

**Elections Office opens through Sept. 7**

The Elections Office will be staffed through Saturday, Sept. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Lunch will be scheduled from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. those days. An Election Board member will be available to assist Tribal members with voting concerns, such as voting eligibility, filling out signature verification forms, updating signatures and answering questions. The Elections Office is located in the Tribal Community Center and can be reached by calling 503-879-2271 during office hours or by leaving a message. ■

**General Council meeting**  
 Sunday, Sept. 8 — 11 a.m.  
 Tribal Community Center

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