

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings
 DATE TIME
 Wednesday, May 6.....5 p.m.
 Wednesday, May 20.....5 p.m.
Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.

Letters

Dear Smoke Signals:
 I'm writing this letter to try to put into perspective the reason in which Restoration was accomplished and how our Elders had envisioned it. Years ago now, an Ethics Committee was introduced to Tribal Council for several meetings in a row, only to be rejected or tabled each time until finally the Elders quit coming. The committee was made up of all the Elders who were involved with Restoration one way or another. All they wanted was to guide the next generation of council toward their ultimate goals and visions. But they wouldn't listen. Now, here we are fighting for quality health care, in which case was No. 1 priority of Elders' advice and goals. I attended the April 12, 2015, meeting and heard only a few (among many) people who experienced hardships and even felt they needed to seek outside medical care. It breaks my heart! It's time to demand a change effective immediately in all our Tribal business to make it reflect the general membership's needs and expectations. Native people are not "corporate America."
 Let's get back to the original vision the way our Elders and ancestors meant it to be. The casino was built to help our people, not make us rich. We need to invest in our people and community.
 Honoring our Elders for what they have done for us could be accomplished by turning back to the same visions they had in the beginning. A lot of our Elders have walked on with heavy hearts concerning the leadership of our new generation of "leaders." It's time for a new kind of Restoration: Return to our Elders' visions and dreams, and take care of our people.
Virginia Kimsey-Roof
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Special Notice

Notice to parents, guardians or custodians of minor and incompetent members of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon and Tribal members 18 to 20 years of age – Regarding the Rabbi Trust Fund and Minors' Custodial Trust Fund investments.

- This is to inform you of the upcoming annual election opportunity to recommend an investment option that best suits your tolerance for investment risk for your child's accounts in the Rabbi Trust and Minors' Custodial Trust. The election deadline is May 26, 2015, and the investment period will be effective from June 1, 2015, to May 31, 2016. The Investment Risk Recommendation Form packet is available at the regular Tribal Council meetings on May 6 and May 20, on the Tribe's website and through the Member Services Department at 800-422-0232.
- If you have investment questions, you may speak to the Tribe's Investment Consulting Team by contacting the office of Joseph S. Hoon, Robert W. Baird & Co., at 877-792-3667 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. ■

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Facilities seeks help identifying veterans' plots

The Facilities Department is asking for help in identifying the plots of veterans buried in the Tribal Cemetery.
 If your family member or friend is a veteran and there is not a U.S. flag present on their plot on holidays, such as Memorial Day, please contact the department, which will do its best to mark all gravesites of veterans. For more information, contact Facilities at 503-879-2195. ■

Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closing at noon Friday, May 22, and be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

General Council meeting

Sunday, May 3 — 11 a.m.
 Tribal Community Center

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