

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

Letters

Dear Tribal members:
Tribal Council would like to encourage everyone to support Angela Fasana as a write-in candidate for position 4 on the Willamina School Board. It has become obvious to us over the recent issues with the Willamina School Board that our voice as a Tribe needs to be heard. If you have any questions, please contact Angela at 503-876-8272.
Ballots are due by Tuesday, May 19, at 8 p.m. The Yamhill County drop box is located in Willamina at City Hall and the Polk County drop box is located in Dallas at the Polk County Courthouse. If you are in need of a ballot, you need to contact the County Clerk's Office for the county that you reside in. If you live in Yamhill County, please contact the Yamhill County Clerk's Office at 503-434-7518 and if you live in Polk County, please contact the Polk County Clerk's Office at 503-623-9217.
Sincerely,
Tribal Council

Dear Smoke Signals:
I am a graduate student in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. I am doing my field research on membership and belonging in Native American Tribes as part of my master's degree.
I will be attending cultural events, meetings and conducting interviews with Tribal members throughout the next two months. I would like to know what it means for individuals to be members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, how they understand membership and Tribal belonging, and the significance of family and Tribal community.
Tribal members, Tribal descendants and family members are welcome to contact me if they wish to share their story and any thoughts they might have on the above-mentioned questions at julia_samo@hotmail.com or 605-389-1137.
My project is not intended to reveal confidential information or identities and no information will be published or shared without the consent of individuals involved.
Julie Samokhvalova
University of Copenhagen

Dear Smoke Signals:
We would like to thank everyone who helped to celebrate our mother's 100th birthday. She was surprised and happy to see all of the familiar faces.
A special thank you to Carrie, Shirley and staff at the lodges for all of their extra work, and a thank you to the Elders Committee for allowing us to use the Elders Activity Center building.
We appreciate all of the hard work to make our mother's birthday special.
The family of Opal Davidson

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 meeting on 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. ■

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, June 28 — 11 a.m.
Tribal Community Center

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DEADLINE DATE	ISSUE DATE
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Friday, June 5	June 15
Friday, June 19	July 1

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