

**NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings**  
 DATE TIME  
 Wednesday, June 17.....5 p.m.  
*Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.*

## Letters

**Dear Smoke Signals:**

This is in regard to the \$25,000 the Willamina High School wants to hang our flag. They have already reaped the financial rewards from our Tribe. We've already paid a big enough price with what's happened in our past without this insult. This is a slap in our face (again); ours and our ancestors.

It is an honor and a privilege to have our flag. They should be paying us.

**Patty Uney**  
 Roll #5011

**Graduation ceremony set for June 19**

The Education Department's Graduation Ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, June 19, in the Tribal gym.

Dinner will be provided. The ceremony will recognize Grand Ronde students who have reached an educational milestone in K-3 Chinuk language class, eighth-grade, high school, GED completion, certificates and college. If you graduated or will be graduating in the 2014-15 academic year, contact Education via e-mail at [education@grandronde.org](mailto:education@grandronde.org) or call 503-879-2275 or 800-422-0232, ext. 2275. ■

## Merkley slates June 20 Town Hall in Grand Ronde

Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley will hold a Town Hall at 5 p.m. Saturday, June 20, at the Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road.

He will update constituents on his work in Washington, D.C., and answer questions and invite suggestions about how to tackle the challenges facing Oregon and the United States.

"There are huge issues facing Oregonians and the best way for me to effectively advocate for Oregon's families and businesses is by getting out on the road and holding a town hall in every county, every year to hear directly from Oregonians," he said. "I invite all residents of Polk County to come and discuss what we need to do to strengthen our state and union."

Since joining the Senate in 2009, Merkley has held a town hall in each of Oregon's 36 counties every year. Polk County's will be his 243rd.

Earlier in the day, he also will hold a Town Hall at 1 p.m. at the Port of Tillamook Bay Officers Mess Hall, 6825 Officers Row, in Tillamook. ■

**Lamprey season opened on June 1**

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has designated the lamprey harvest season at Willamette Falls as 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday through Monday between June 1 and July 31.

Harvesting is not allowed Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Harvesting is confined to the east side of Willamette Falls and does not include the horseshoe area at the peak of the falls. Gear is restricted to hand or hand-powered tools only.

A permit is required, but Tribal members are allowed to use their Tribal enrollment card in lieu of a state-issued permit.

Catches must be recorded on an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife harvest card available from the Tribe's Natural Resources Department or by contacting the Clackamas ODFW Office, 17330 S.E. Evelyn St., Clackamas, OR 97015. All harvest cards must be returned by Aug. 31, 2015.

For more information, call the Natural Resources Department at 503-879-2424. ■

## St. Michael's offers brunch

St. Michael's Catholic Church offers an open house brunch every Sunday following Mass. The brunch is free to the community.

Brunch begins at about 11:30 a.m. following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Mass attendance is not required for brunch attendance. For more information, contact Janelle Justen at 503-550-0923. ■

## Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closing at noon Thursday, July 2, and be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day.

**General Council meeting**  
 Sunday, June 28 — 11 a.m.  
 Tribal Community Center

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DEADLINE DATE	ISSUE DATE
Friday, June 19 .....	July 1
Monday, July 6 .....	July 15
Monday, July 20 .....	Aug. 1

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