

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Sept. 9.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 16.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 30.....	5 p.m.

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

Letters

Dear Smoke Signals:

My name is Michael Wible. I'm currently serving 30 months in prison. I understand my actions put me here and I blame no one but myself.

After reading the article in *Smoke Signals* about Danny Freeman and his success, it filled me with inspiration for I myself worked with TERO and the 477 employment program. I worked on the food bank, powwow and other odd jobs. And I'm forever thankful for the opportunity they gave me to work and succeed. Unfortunately, I relapsed and found myself not only in prison but trespassed off the Reservation.

With a release date of June 29, 2017, I'm hoping to complete as many programs as I can, not only to be clean and sober, but to have trade and work experience to offer a future employer. There are still a few months until my release, but I'm hoping enough time will pass so my trespass will be lifted so I, too, could come home to my friends and family.

Today I thank the Tribe for everything they ever helped me with: GED and employment. It felt good to be a part of the food bank project; it swelled my heart with pride, knowing I was a part of it. And I really hope I could be a part of Grand Ronde's future. And I can't wait to show you how much I appreciate all you've done with my success upon my release. Congratulations Mr. Freeman.

Michael Wible
Roll #1680

Survey for Tribal members

Tribal Council invites all Tribal members to participate in the 2015 Social and Economic Survey implemented in partnership with Portland State University.

The survey provides valuable information that will be used to guide future decisions that benefit Tribal members. Tribal member input is critical and helps Tribal Council determine priorities, develop strategic plans, and develop grants and budgets for services that are important to you and your family.

This year, the Social and Economic Survey and the Tribal Housing Survey are combined, so you will only be asked to complete one survey.

The survey can be taken online at www.CTGRMemberSurvey.com or on paper by mail. An invitation with more details was mailed out to all Tribal members the week of June 15. Everyone is encouraged to complete the survey online as soon as possible to promote sustainability and increase your chance to win up to \$1,500.

If you complete the survey, you will be entered into a random drawing to win one of 16 cash prizes, including 10 \$100 prizes, five \$500 prizes and one grand prize of \$1,500. ■

Groups form Helping Hands

The Clothes Closet, iskam mak'mak haws and A Cause For Paws has started an ad hoc group called Grand Ronde Helping Hands and is inviting community members to join the effort of supporting local families.

"The goal is to bring those of us together who are supporting families in Grand Ronde to share the services and resources we provide and create a resource guide we can all use," said Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose.

The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Food Bank, 9675 Grand Ronde Road.

"If you provide any types of services to families in our community, please consider attending," Ambrose said. "We are looking for meal site calendars, food box sites, clothes closets, showers and laundry service. We are asking churches, church groups, departments and support groups to share with us. We are also collecting items for homeless families in our area, items for camping, bed in a bag, reusable water jugs, silverware, plates, etc."

A collection day is scheduled for 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at the Food Bank.

If you are interested in joining the effort, contact Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or at fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org. ■

Correction — The name of the Tribal artisan exhibit at Chehalem Cultural Center in Newberg was misspelled in a headline in the Aug. 15 edition of *Smoke Signals*. We regret the error.

Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closing at noon Friday, Sept. 4, and be closed on Monday, Sept. 7, in observance of Labor Day. Offices also will be closed on Friday, Sept. 25, in observance of National Indian Day.

General Council meeting
Sunday, Sept. 13 — 11 a.m.
Tribal Community Center

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