

**NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings**  
**DATE** **TIME**  
 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 Tribal members:**  
 As many of you know by now, I have been persistent in my lobbying for a pool to be put in Grand Ronde that meets all purposes. Well, this will be my last attempt to reach out to Tribal Council and our membership for support.

I will start by saying that there are, I'm sure, over 1,000 Tribal members alone in the area who this could serve. The winters are long here without many ways to pass time that are good for your health.

I do notice many Tribal members are out walking, including myself, trying hard to improve their health, but guess what? These days are about over for the next seven months and then the walking will end and all the kids will be sitting around on their laptops all day long. I will also add that swimming is the healthiest exercise there is.

I have heard a few members say they don't agree with this because of cost and that they think no one will use it. I'm sorry, but that I just do not agree with. We have many other very expensive projects that have been approved that are rarely used at all or just a few days a year, and a pool compared to other past projects seems very appropriate as far as need is concerned. Not to mention the kids and Elders who have voiced their want for this for years now.

I will be blunt: I would like this to happen so these Elders could have a chance to enjoy it. From reading last month's *Smoke Signals*, it sounds like this could go out for the membership's opinion, so I'm just going to remind you all that this is what the area needs and it should not come down to what it does for our pocketbooks or if we live in the area or not.

Grand Ronde is the home of our Tribe and the real Indian way is taking care of our home and the many that are in need. I do know that many Tribal members are not from there, but I can honestly say if there were any other place with the amount of members we have here that needed something like this, I would support that 100 percent.

I will close in adding that I have talked to doctors and they agreed that swimming can take the place of many physical therapy issues and if a pool is built it could help save a substantial amount that we spend on our medical needs, greatly reducing the amount to be spent on operational costs, and let's not forget what we could get in return dollars if it were open to surrounding communities.

Keep in mind the fun, competition and swim lessons that will be a plus for our membership here and for all that wish to come and visit.

Thank you very much and I hope you still stand behind me on this issue and voice your opinions.

**Rex D. Haller**  
 Roll #905

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### FISH AND WILDLIFE ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council adopted, on an emergency basis, amendments to the Fish and Wildlife Ordinance at the July 29, 2015, Tribal Council meeting.

The primary purpose of the amendments is to implement the Tribal Wildlife Management Plan, which, among other things, provides for Tribal regulation of hunting and fishing on the Reservation and Tribal trust lands. The amendments grant the Tribal Police Department enforcement authority with respect to Tribally-regulated hunting and fishing and provides for resolution of those violations in Tribal Court. The amendments charge the Natural Resources Department with administering the Tribal hunting and fishing programs. Further, the amendments clarify the duties and responsibilities of the Fish and Wildlife Committee and Ceremonial Hunting Board in light of the passage of the Tribal Wildlife Management Plan. The proposed amendments may also include minor technical (i.e., typographical, housekeeping) modifications.

The Tribal Council invites comment on the amendments to the Fish and Wildlife Ordinance. For a copy of the amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 or by e-mail to [legal@grandronde.org](mailto:legal@grandronde.org). Comments must be received by Sept. 30, 2015.

### Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closed on Friday, Sept. 25, in observance of National Indian Day.

Executive session - Tribal members only  
**General Council meeting**  
 Sunday, Oct. 4 — 11 a.m.  
 Tribal Community Center

# Smoke Signals

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