

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

## Letters

**Dear Smoke Signals:**

I am writing this letter in regards to my sister's passing. I would like to thank everyone at the Tribe.

It has been six months now that my sister has walked on. If it had not been for her daughter, Sonia Whitefeather, and son, Travis Shaw (Tribal members), we would have not been able to send my sister on in a good way as she did not have arrangements made for her passing.

Because of the Tribe, we were able to have a celebration of life and a beautiful send-off. I know my sister is looking down and smiling and wishes to bless everyone for her celebration and services.

Again, a very warm, heartfelt blessing and thank you to everyone.

**Donna Davis, Sonia Whitefeather (2937), Travis Shaw (2938), Christine Archer and Tristin Shaw and all of our family**  
 Stayton

**Dear Smoke Signals:**

A little over a year ago, I came to my Tribe to ask our craft people if they could please contribute their beautiful handmade jewelry to a worthy cause. I am a board member of the Willamette Valley Hospice, a nonprofit organization that helps those in the final days of life.

We are always working on fundraising for related programs. This jewelry sale fundraiser is for Camp Mighty Oaks, a place for young kids to go to help with the loss of a loved one.

There are too many to list, but I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all those who generously gave of themselves and their beautiful craftsmanship. My people always come through when they are asked. I am so proud of every one of them. Thank you, God bless and much love.

**Steve Bobb Sr.**  
 Roll #38

## PSU program seeks Native applicants

The Portland State University Center for Climate and Aerosol Research is offering research experiences for undergraduates and is strongly encouraging participation from Native American students.

The 10-week program starts Monday, June 27, and runs through Friday, Sept. 2. Students will receive a \$4,500 stipend, in addition to room and board. Students will spend the summer in Portland where they will take part in an intensive training program to learn the techniques and instruments used in various atmospheric topics.

Students will learn how atmospheric science is studied with mentors from chemistry, geology, mechanical engineering, biology, geography, environmental science and physics.

Application deadline is April 15. For more information, visit [www.pdx.edu/ccar/reu-2016](http://www.pdx.edu/ccar/reu-2016) on the Internet or e-mail Aurelia Alston at [aalston@pdx.edu](mailto:aalston@pdx.edu). The program is sponsored by the National Science Foundation, Division of Atmospheric and Geospace Sciences. ■

Canoe Journey 2016 – Paddle to Nisqually

Upcoming Grand Ronde Canoe Family Meetings

- April 1, Protocol Practice, Plankhouse, 5 p.m. – Conclusion
- April 2, Regional Meeting with Nisqually representatives, Noon – Conclusion (lunch is provided)
- April 9, Noon – 3 p.m. (lunch is provided)

The Nisqually Tribe welcomes and celebrates all nations and visitors to Canoe Journey 2016! The Tribal Canoe Journey - Paddle to Nisqually - will take place July 30 through Aug. 6, 2016.

Canoe Journey Events

July 30 - Port of Olympia Landing  
 July 31 - Medicine Creek Treaty Ceremony  
 Aug. 1-6 - Protocol

Visit [www.paddletonisqually.com](http://www.paddletonisqually.com) for the Countdown to Landing



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## General Council meeting

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