

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Dec. 28.....	4 p.m.

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

Letters

Dear Smoke Signals:

I need to thank Susie Lash for doing the cooking of a wonderful meal and all the girls who helped out in the kitchen for our annual Veterans Day meal. Thank you to all who stayed and helped out with the cleanup.

Thank you to all those who made giveaway baskets for us: the Elders, Claudia Leno, Kathy Soderberg, Reina Nelson, Susie Lash and Connie Bobb.

Thank you to the Royalty girls for their help taking plates of food to the elder veterans. And a big, big thanks to the members and volunteers of our Veterans Special Event Board for all their continued commitment to serve veterans: Alton Butler, Ray Petite, Al Miller, Wink Soderberg, Rich Vanatta and Dennis Kleffner.

Also, we would like to thank Tribal Council for their continued support of the Veterans SEB and the things we do.

Steve Bobb Sr.

Roll #38

Dear Smoke Signals:

My name is Joshua D. Haller, Roll #1994. I am the first-born son of James D. Haller, Roll #898, grandson of Harvey D. Haller, roll #222, and the great-grandson of Adeline Menard Haller.

Currently I am incarcerated in a California state prison. The choices I made that brought me to this place are choices that were driven by my addiction to drugs and alcohol; none of which I am proud of.

So this time I have here I am using to the best of my ability utilizing the resources available here at the prison. Currently I attend college by correspondence provided here. My goal is to acquire my associate degree before I am released. I am also attending classes in a vocational training program provided by CDRC called Building Maintenance. Things are going well for me in both of these subjects.

The reason I am writing this letter is because I feel that I must also grow spiritually. So I have chosen to embark on the "Red Road." I attend ceremonies here at the prison. The fellowship with the brothers is good and strong.

The problem I am having is the songs I am learning here are not the songs of my people. I would like to learn the songs of my people, the ways of my people, and the language and the history of my people. If there are any Elders or Tribal members who would be willing to assist me in this area of my rehabilitation and my recovery, I would very highly appreciate your help.

Please feel free to write me at Joshua D. Haller, BA0383, H.D.S.P.-B1-106, P.O. Box 3030, Susanville, Calif. 96127.

Joshua D. Haller

Roll #1994

See page 14 for more letters.

Bike helmets available

The Tribe's Social Services Department has bicycle helmets available for distribution. Those needing a helmet need to visit the department and sign a helmet application, as well as get fitted.

For more information, contact Social Services at 503-879-2034. ■

LIHEAP program open in service area

The Tribal Social Service's LIHEAP – Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program – is open to eligible Tribal members in the six-county service area and Clackamas County.

This is a first-come, first-served program and income criteria applies.

LIHEAP is federally funded through the Department of Health and Human Services and is designed to help low-income households with home heating costs.

For more information, contact Social Services at 503-879-2034. ■

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Tribal offices will be closing on Friday, Dec. 23, at noon and closed on Monday, Dec. 26, in observance of Christmas. Offices also will be closing on Friday, Dec. 30, at noon and closed on Monday, Jan. 2, 2017, in observance of New Year's Day.

General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017

Tribal Community Center

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