

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, April 5.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 19.....	5 p.m.

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

Letters

Dear Smoke Signals:

My children – Marlyn Connelly, Trena Towner, Miranda Cloud and Ukiah Lamboy – along with my grandchildren – Kitana Connelly, Kai Connelly, Kazsia Connelly, Shania Towner, Izaya Towner, Tabor Cain, Riaha Cain and Ava Lamboy – thank you Gregg Leno and the groundskeeping employees; thank you Tribal Council; thank you Tribal Elders Activity Center for all your warm, hospitable understandings that you have expressed for us and my brother Scotty Lane's celebration of life ceremony.

Hayu masi wauoka kola oyata aho

Sonya Connelly

Roll # 2827

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde recently implemented a process that will allow all Tribal members who reside in the state of Oregon the option of requesting Oregon income tax withholdings from their per capita and Elders benefit payments. Information regarding this option was mailed to all Oregon resident Tribal members the week of March 6.

While recognizing we have Tribal members who currently reside throughout the 50 states, we will not be offering the state income tax withholding option to Tribal members who reside outside of Oregon at this time. The administrative time, costs and reporting requirements to implement the option in all states would be very expensive. This is the main contributing factor in our decision not to offer the option outside of Oregon.

There are a couple of options for Tribal members who wish to set aside money in order to cover any potential year-end state tax liability:

- Tribal members aged 18 and over can defer a portion of their per capita payments to their adult savings plan. That money would be available to withdraw from your savings plan as needed. Please note – this option is not available for Elders' payments. Money cannot be deferred to the adult savings plan from Elders payments.
- Open a regular savings account at a bank or credit union and set aside money throughout the year for your use as needed.
- Check with your state's taxing authority to determine if you are able to pay "estimated" taxes throughout the year, which could reduce the amount you are required to pay at year-end.

We encourage you to seek advice from your tax accountant or CPA should you have any questions about your specific state tax liability. ■

American Legion Post hosts breakfast

McMINNVILLE — The American Legion Post 21 will be holding a Battle of the Branches Breakfast for the five major military branches in March and April.

The breakfasts will be held from 8 a.m. to noon at the Post, 126 N.E. Atlantic St. The remaining schedule is Marine Corps on Sunday, April 9, and Air Force on Sunday, April 23.

Breakfast will cost \$7 per person.

For more information, contact the Post at 503-435-2218. ■

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General Council meeting

followed by the Community Input meeting
Valley River Inn, Eugene

11 a.m. Sunday, April 2

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