

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, May 17.....	11 a.m.
Wednesday, May 31.....	5 p.m.

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

Budgeting public hearing set for June 4

A public hearing about Tribal priorities and budgeting will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 4, in the Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road.

Tribal members will be allowed to testify in person or submit written testimony on what they see as the Tribe's priorities and provide input on the Tribal budget and budgeting process.

Tribal members can submit written testimony to Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez at stacia.martin@grandronde.org. ■

Letters

Dear *Smoke Signals*:

On April 1, we had a ceremony at the Tribal Cemetery for my older brother Frank E. Kowing Jr. Our family would like to thank Tyson Mercier and Gregg Leno for their help in coordinating the interment of brother Frank. They worked with Joel Boyce from Adamson's Mortuary in Sheridan to place the vault urn and memorial stone at my brother's gravesite.

The Tribal Veterans Honor Guard honored my brother's service to his country, which included two years in the Vietnam War zone while on board the USS Mars AFS-1, a combat stores ship. Our family thanks them from the bottom of our hearts.

A special thanks to military chaplain Bud Abbott and to Steve Bobb Sr. for putting the service together.

A special thanks to Carol Nelson, Marietta Leith and all those who helped with the celebration of life meal at the Tribal Community Center. If I have forgotten anyone, please be assured that your help was dearly appreciated.

And, of course, all of this was possible because of the dedicated employees of our Tribe who helped with all aspects of my brother Frank's services and interment. Thanks to our Member Benefits Department for handling all the expenses related to Frank's passing. Thanks to our Tribal Council for their leadership and wisdom.

Bradley Kowing
Roll #1816

Event will kick off American Indian Week

SALEM – The Legislative Commission on Indian Services/Nine Tribes Spring Celebration will kick off American Indian Week in Oregon on Thursday, May 18.

The event will run from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Capitol Rotunda.

The Grand Ronde Tribe and Spirit Mountain Casino will provide lunchtime refreshments.

The theme of the celebration is "Sharing Our Traditions: Teaching Our Children to Build Strong Tribal Nations." ■

Elders' Fishing Trip set for June 1

The first Elders' Fishing Trip of 2017 will be held Thursday, June 1, with a journey to Hebo Lake.

The free event, sponsored by the Natural Resources Department's Parks and Recreation Program and hosted by the Fish and Wildlife Committee, will be held rain or shine with transportation, fishing gear and a meal provided.

The trip is limited to the first 25 Tribal Elders and spouses who sign up at the Elders Activity Center or by calling 503-879-2233.

Vans will leave at 8 a.m. If you need a Tribal fishing license, contact the Natural Resources Department at 503-879-2424. ■

Corrections — An article in the April 1 edition of *Smoke Signals* misstated the location of St. Francis Catholic High School. The school was located in Eugene.

In addition, the name of a Marine Corps veteran being added to the West Valley Veterans Memorial on Monday, May 31, was incorrectly reported in the May 1 edition. The corrected name appears in this edition.

Smoke Signals regrets the errors.

Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closing on noon Friday, May 26, and closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

Tribal Priorities meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, June 4
Tribal gymnasium

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