

General Council meeting

Tribal Council nominations

11 a.m. Sunday, June 30

Tribal Community Center

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, June 12.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, June 26.....	5 p.m.

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

Letters

Dear Smoke Signals:

As for your story regarding roads in Grand Ronde and making comments about trucks ruining the road, I have a few comments:

- 1) The pothole that was shown was not fixed right. It was done with a cold patch, which did not work. For the state to do it right, they would have had to spend money and dig it out and re-do the whole spot.
- 2) Let's talk something about money. Does anyone that does not own a truck have any idea what a truck pays to run up and down the high-ways? I do. For every 100 miles, each and every truck pays about \$23. I mean every truck. The log trucks can pay on a monthly basis and pay as little as \$500 a month just to travel the road. Do the math on 5,000 log trucks playing the flat rate. Do you want to talk chip trucks over \$2,000 flat fee for the month? Have you ever counted the trucks on the road? There are a lot of them out there.

So if each truck out there – let's say 10,000 trucks for a round number – only travel 100 miles in a month and we all know that they run more, the state takes from those 10,000 trucks \$230,000 for road maintenance.

So, I ask you where is all that money? Why aren't they fixing the road right? The trucks do not cause the potholes, it's the soft underlayment that causes that.

The trucks, no matter what they are, pay a lot of money to help maintain the roads. The reason they pay so much is because they are hard on the roads. But fix them right. You can't tell me there is not money to fix them.

So, why don't we ask the question of where is all the money going and why do they not fix the roads the way they are supposed to be done?

Shari Moehlmann
Willamina

Behavioral Health expansion begins

The Health & Wellness Clinic is pleased to announce that expansion of the Behavioral Health Department is happening now. During the construction, entry to the Behavioral Health Department will be relocated near the main clinic entrance. ■

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Tax Preparation

Request for Proposal

The Request for Proposals (RFP) is being conducted by the Member Services Department for the purpose of obtaining a licensed contractor who has 5+ years of experience preparing tax returns.

Qualified applicants shall possess the ability to:

- Provide tax preparation services to Tribal Elders and foster youth living on and off Tribal lands.
- Assist Tribal members in completing tax-related paperwork.
- Serve as a resource to Tribal members who have questions regarding payment and filing of state and federal tax returns.

Preference will be given to members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and/or Indian-owned businesses registered with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde TERO office.

Please contact Veronica Montano for information. All proposals must be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday, July 1, 2019.

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Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closing on noon Wednesday, July 3, and closed on Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

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Monday, Aug. 5	Aug. 15
Tuesday, Aug. 20	Sept. 1

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