

# General Council meeting

## 11 a.m. Sunday, March 7

*Being held remotely using the Zoom teleconferencing program.*

**NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Wednesday, Feb. 24.....	10 a.m.
Wednesday, March 10.....	10 a.m.

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

## LETTERS

**Dear Smoke Signals:**  
 I was so proud to hear our leader, Cheryle Kennedy, on OPB. She was so articulate, knew so much about the health issues we face and how to address them, as well as her experience over the years in dealing with different federal administrations.  
 She is so kind and humble, and the best representative of our people that I can imagine.  
 I hope she and her husband will know how much we all care about them.  
**Valerie Alexander**  
 Roll No. 2274

**Dear Smoke Signals:**  
 taxayam k<sup>h</sup>anawi laksta nyaka shiks pi tillixam (Hello, all my friends and family). I hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits!  
 Last month, the CTGR Skookum Health Assistance Program (SHAP) team mailed out a detailed individual health care status report for 2019 plus a program guideline booklet to Tribal members. In the past, I mistook SHAP as health insurance coverage and was trying to make sense of the need to seek alternate resources in order to be eligible for SHAP. Thankfully, the program guideline booklet that was included made that more clear and I appreciated the easy-to-read breakdown of services and associated costs overall for the membership and individually.  
 Now more than ever, I think this type of information sharing is not only needed, but appreciated and valued by members. I want to thank the staff who made it happen and for all their hard work in getting this data and materials out to all members.  
 I am also grateful to past leaders who had the foresight to implement this type of program for members and to our current leaders who continue to support it and many others like it to help meet the health needs of members, hayu masi.  
**Michael Cherry**  
 Roll No. 1091

## City Council OKs Chick-fil-A at Chemawa Station

**KEIZER** – The Keizer City Council unanimously approved on Tuesday, Feb. 2, a plan for a Chick-fil-A fast food restaurant to locate at the almost 16-acre Chemawa Station, which is jointly owned by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.  
 The approved amendments to the site reduce the number of buildings allowed from four to three and moves the proposed eatery from the north side to the west side of the site.  
 Chick-fil-A representative Steve Schwartz said that the changes will allow the restaurant to operate two drive-through lanes around the building.  
 The 5,200-square-foot restaurant is projected to employ between 80 to 100 people.  
 There are currently two Chick-fil-A eateries in Beaverton and one each in Hillsboro, Bend, Medford and Clackamas. The restaurant chain specializes in breaded, boneless chicken sandwiches with two buttered buns and has more than 2,400 outlets in 47 states and the District of Columbia, according to its company website.  
 In January 2020, the Grand Ronde Tribal Council approved a lease with 7-11 Inc. to build a convenience store at Chemawa Station.  
 The Federal Highway Administration transferred ownership of the 15.7-acre property to the Grand Ronde and Siletz Tribes under the Indian Self-Determination Act in 2002. Ground was officially broken on the site in December 2019. ■

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