

General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, May 2

Being held remotely using the Zoom teleconferencing program.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, May 5.....	10 a.m.
Wednesday, May 19.....	10 a.m.

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

LETTERS

Dear Smoke Signals:

Back in 2019, Smoke Signals asked for input on “How big can Grand Ronde be?” All I know about limits to growth would be resources available. There are, however, two things I would like to see included in Grand Ronde growth. Number one is “bees” and number two is “energy efficiency.”

Honeybees and bumblebees pollinate billions of dollars of food crops annually in the United States. They are in decline and how great it would be to eat Grand Ronde honey instead of white sugar that is filled with chemicals and exacerbates diabetes. There are now growing walls where you can grow crops vertically to save valuable space. Without bees, we run out of food. We would need experienced beekeepers and not use debilitating pesticides.

The second need is energy efficiency to get us through times of climate change. Today, I found out that Native people who live on Reservations cannot get tax breaks for renewable energy or energy efficiency because of the tax-exempt Reservations. Possibly our new Secretary of the Interior could help.

Deb Haaland and the Biden administration are aware of climate change and could change the rule. Grand Ronde could become more self-reliant regarding food and energy efficiency.

Judith Pettibone
Roll No. 717

Letters welcome

Letters should be exclusive to smok signalz.

Letters should be 400 words or less and must include the writer’s name, address, phone number and Tribal roll number. You will be contacted to confirm authorship.

All letters are subject to editing for space, grammar and, on occasion, factual accuracy. Only two letters per writer are allowed during a three-month period.

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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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Also, please make sure and maintain low levels of music in the Elder community.

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