

General Council meeting

Tribal Council nominations

11 a.m. Sunday, June 27

Being held remotely using the Zoom teleconferencing program.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, June 2.....	10 a.m.
Wednesday, June 16.....	10 a.m.
Wednesday, June 30.....	10 a.m.

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

Smoke Signals seeking recovery stories

Have you struggled with alcohol or drug dependency? Have you been able to find help through abstinence-based programs, medication-assisted treatment, behavior modification therapy, or a combination of things?

If so, *Smoke Signals* would like to hear your story. Reporter Danielle Harrison is writing a series on addiction and recovery, focusing on how the global COVID-19 pandemic has affected services. She would like to talk to Tribal members who are in various stages of the recovery process.

What has worked for you and why? What services do you wish were more readily available? What are misconceptions people have about those who struggle with drug and alcohol misuse?

Your story is important and we would like to hear from you, no matter where you are in your recovery journey.

Please contact Danielle Harrison for more information at danielle.harrison@grandronde.org or call 503-879-4663. We also have a private Recovery Stories subgroup on the *Smoke Signals* Facebook page if you would like to join and share your story there. ■

State recognizes Indigenous Peoples’ Day in October

SALEM – The state of Oregon will begin recognizing the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples’ Day under a new bill passed by the Oregon Legislature.

The bill passed the Oregon Senate with a 22-7 vote and it was approved by the House 50-5.

The bill recognizes that Christopher Columbus’ “discovery” of the Americas is historically inaccurate and unworthy of celebration due to his voyage opening the door to “heinous crimes against humanity.”

The bill was introduced by the Legislature’s only Indigenous lawmakers, Rep. Tawna Sanchez of Portland and Rep. Teresa Alonso-Leon of Woodburn.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde has been celebrating Indigenous Peoples’ Day since October 2015 in granting Tribal government employees the day off. ■

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Tribal offices will be closed Friday, June 18, in observance of Juneteenth.

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.

Letters written in response to other letter writers should address the issue at hand and, rather than mentioning the other writer by name, should refer to the date of the letter published. Discourse should be civil and people should be referred to in a respectful manner. Letters deemed in poor taste will not be printed. Send letters via e-mail to news@grandronde.org, or submit in person at the Tribal Governance Center in Grand Ronde, Ore., or mail to **smok signalz**, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347.

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THURSDAY, JULY 8	JULY 15, 2021
MONDAY, JULY 26	AUG. 1, 2021

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