

# General Council meeting

## 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5

Monarch Hotel & Convention Center  
12566 S.E. 93rd Ave, Clackamas

Tribal members can participate remotely through the Zoom application and in-person attendance. Call 503-879-2304 for more information.

### NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

| DATE                    | TIME   |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Wednesday, Jan. 25..... | 4 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Feb. 8.....  | 4 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Feb. 22..... | 4 p.m. |

Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed. In-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.

## LETTERS

### Dear Smoke Signals:

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Warriors of Hope program provides confidential support to survivors and victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, sex trafficking and dating violence.

We provide options and choices for safety and healing.

We listen, believe and support you. We assist with safety planning, legal advocacy, crisis intervention, emergency services, safe housing, support groups, community education and outreach.

As January is Human Trafficking and Stalking Awareness Month, we did want to honor survivors in speaking up and speaking out on what human trafficking is and what stalking is.

- Sex trafficking involves individuals profiting from sexual exploitation of another person. Sex trafficking comes in many forms, including forcing victims into prostitution and compelling victims to commit sex acts for the purpose of creating pornography.
- Sex traffickers use violence, threats, lies, false promises and manipulation. Some sex traffickers will recruit their victims by posing as a loving boyfriend. They make promises of things the victim feels they're lacking in their life (love, money, gifts, fulfilled dreams, etc.) and, after gaining the victim's trust, they're forced into the sex trade.
- Stalking is a term commonly used to refer to unwanted, obsessive attention directed at a person that would reasonably cause them to feel threatened. Stalking behaviors are related to harassment and intimidation, including repeated phone calls, texts, e-mails or sending unwanted gifts, following or keeping tabs on where a person goes, driving by or showing up where a person lives or works, damaging a person's home or property, threatening to harm a person or their loved ones, stalking on social media, etc.

If you suspect someone you know or you are experiencing the above forms of abuse, please connect with us. Warriors of Hope advocates strive to provide empowering, trauma-informed support. Our advocates can help you navigate your own situation in a way that feels most comfortable and helpful to you or a loved one. Working with an advocate is completely directed by your own choices and how you would like to move forward with support.

Advocacy recognizes that people are the experts in their own lives, and we work to meet people where they are at.

Thank you for sharing in this awareness month with us.

24-hour crisis line: 971-241-3594.

Anne Falla

Victim Assistant Advocate

### TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURES

Tribal offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

## 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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