

General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, March 5

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, Feb. 22.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 1.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 15.....	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 application. 503-879-2304.

LETTERS

Dear Smoke Signals:

I am writing this letter in regards to the split families' issue. I would like to request that we move forward with yet another amendment to remove "parent on the roll at the time of applicant's birth" from the enrollment requirements.

I believe it is time to fix this injustice! Having siblings — one being able to enroll and not the other — is ludicrous! Simply because they were born during Termination! Or their parent couldn't enroll because of the quantum requirement prior to Termination. Things they could not have done anything about. My thought is that this isn't even constitutional.

I know that most of you would like to see this fixed as well, but we just haven't had the votes. I think that it would be great:

- 1) To have informational meetings so that people can see what this actually looks like;
- 2) That it could be introduced as a single item on the amendment this time. I know that is important to a lot of people;
- 3) That members have ample time to return BIA applications to vote;
- 4) That members have ample time to return election ballots as well;
- 5) Finally, that members actually vote on this to get this passed.

These votes require a two-thirds vote and everyone has to vote to get this passed. Failure to vote is uncompassionate, especially on this issue. So please take the time to vote! Make your voices heard.

Thank you all for taking the time to listen to my request. Many families and children are being denied access to medical and dental care, denied education, Tribal recognition and many other services that their brothers and sisters are getting, and it just isn't right!

Deneise Bill
Roll No. 2448

Housing Association offering scholarships

OLYMPIA, Wash. — The Northwest Indian Housing Association is accepting applications for its Youth Scholarship Program.

Applications can be obtained by visiting the association's website at www.nwiha.org and clicking on the Youth Scholarship Program tab.

Applications and support documents must be submitted by e-mail to info@nwiha.org by 5 p.m. Friday, March 31. All applicants, selected or not, will be notified and successful applicants will be recognized at a banquet dinner held Tuesday, April 18.

Complete instructions are contained in the application form.

Questions should be sent to the housing association at info@nwiha.org or by calling 360-220-9212. ■

TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURES

Tribal offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 20, in observance of Tribal Chiefs' Day.

Tribal nonemergency text line

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department has a nonemergency text line at 541-921-2927.

"If you have a nonemergency situation or question, feel free to contact my officer via text through this line," said Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight. "When one of my officers receives the text, they will call you back when they have time."

McKnight said that emergency situations still require calling 911. For more information, contact McKnight at 503-879-1474. ■

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