

General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 3

Tribal Council Chambers

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

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Dec. 13.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 27.....	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 Zoom.

LETTERS

Dear *Smoke Signals*,

A quick note to thank all who contributed to the food drive for iskam mak^hmak haws.

There was 522 pounds of food collected and this was distributed last weekend, thanks to you good folks. Anavey Smith sends her appreciation and gratitude.

Feeling inspired, she has decided to organize a Christmas food drive. Look for collection barrels at the Governance Center, Community Center and Elder Activity Center.

Masi,

Lorena Rivera

Roll No. 980

Dear *Smoke Signals*:

What a wonderful keepsake edition of *Smoke Signals* on Nov. 15, 2023! Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Tribal members and community.

Rosemary Jameson

Roll No. 883

Dear *Smoke Signals*:

I've just started exploring the special edition insert of *Smoke Signals* about the 40 Years of Restoration, and I'm already captivated by the depth and presentation of the content. It feels like I just received a new book.

Last Sunday, my family and I had the honor of attending the 40th Restoration event. Although we are not Native American, the warmth and kindness extended by everyone we encountered was truly amazing. An Elder seated beside me generously shared her insights and guided me through each part of the event.

These moments remind me of my childhood in Oklahoma, where my father introduced me to the Cherokee and Creek cultures. Now, as a father myself, sharing similar cultural experiences with my son brings me great joy. Our visits to the Chachalu Museum and events at achaf-hammi (Tribal plankhouse) have significantly deepened our understanding and appreciation for your rich culture.

Even at 50, these interactions have inspired me to enroll in courses on sociology and anthropology. The insights shared in *Smoke Signals* are invaluable.

Thank you for all the hard work and dedication.

hayu masi,

Francis Meetze

Tillamook

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.

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