



qwinem-mun (May)

- Wednesday, May 1 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Thursday, May 2 – Tribal Veterans Service Office beginner guitar class, 2-3:30 p.m., Tribal Community Programs Building. Lunch is provided. 503-879-1484.
- Sunday, May 5 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Tuesday, May 7 – Tribal Veterans Service Office research room tour, 11-2 p.m., Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center. 503-879-1484.
- Thursday, May 9 – Tribal Veterans Service Office beginner guitar class, 2-3:30 p.m., Tribal Community Programs Building. Lunch is provided. 503-879-1484.
- Wednesday, May 15 – Tribal Veterans Service Office yoga, 2-3 p.m., Tribal Community Programs Building. Snacks provided. 503-879-1484.
- Wednesday, May 15 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Tuesday, May 21 – Tribal Veterans Service Office “Romance Scams” presentation, 10-11 a.m., Tribal Community Programs Building. Lunch provided. 503-879-1484.
- Monday, May 27 – Tribal offices closed in observance of Memorial Day.
- Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day Ceremony, 1 p.m., West Valley Veterans Memorial, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. Meal served at noon in the Tribal Community Center.
- Wednesday, May 29 – Tribal Veterans Service Office yoga, 2-3 p.m., Community Programs Building. Snacks provided. 503-879-1484.
- Wednesday, May 29 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.

taxam-mun (June)

- Wednesday, June 12 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, June 19 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Juneteenth commemoration.
- Sunday, June 23 – Tribal Council nominations, 11 a.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, June 26 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.

To stay informed of future Tribal events, visit www.smokesignals.org/calendar.

Tribe purchased 51% of Shasta in November 2012

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will continue to provide updates as they become available.”

On the business side, the Tribe still owns 51% of Shasta, purchased in November 2012 with Hawaii-Western Management Group, which owns 49%. The purchased price was not disclosed.

Then-Tribal Economic Development Director Titu Asghar said the purchase made sense in the Tribe’s pursuit of diversifying its non-gaming businesses because the company was already processing claims for the Tribe’s self-funded health plans.

The Tribe has made several loans to Shasta through Upqwena LLC since 2022 to help the company with ongoing operational expenses and alleviating backlogged claims. To date, it has provided nearly \$2 million. Upqwena is owned by the Tribe for the purpose of funding small business enterprises.

Shasta has sent notice to all clients that they will be closing operations. If the company is liquidated, the Tribe’s 51% ownership will end.

Liquidation is the process of bringing a business to an end and distributing its assets, an event that usually happens when a company cannot pay all of its creditors. As operations cease, any remaining

assets are used to pay creditors and shareholders, depending on the priority of a claim.

“It is unlikely that the Tribe will get all its money back,” the email said. “The Tribe has made contributions to Upqwena LLC to be loaned to Shasta in an effort to keep operations going and claims processing while the Tribe transitions its plans. We want our plan participants’ claims processed and paid. Any and all contributions have been made in an effort to minimize processing delays and plan disruption.”

Tribal Communications Director Sara Thompson added that it is unknown at this point how much will be available to repay the debt to Upqwena.

“The Tribe’s focus right now is minimizing the impacts of Shasta’s closure on those covered by our plans and making the transition to the new (third-party administrator) as smooth as possible,” she said.

Employees are asked to contact Benefits & Risk Manager Tammy Gould at 503-879-2031 for more information.

Tribal members with questions about Skookum coverage should call Health Benefits Specialist Barbara Steere at 503-879-2487 or Business Office Manager Melody Baker at 503-879-2011. ■

MARRIAGES IN TRIBAL COURT

Tribal Court is issuing marriage licenses and able to perform marriage ceremonies for a filing fee of \$40. Contact the Tribal Court at 503-879-2303. ■

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May 10th, 2024
 Elder Activity Center
 Blacktail Drive, Grand Ronde
 10am to 2pm

- Tribal Members will be selling their hard work

