



Veterans' Memorial Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting
 May 28 — 6:30 p.m.
 Governance Center

Spring Auction Fundraiser
 Friday, May 3 in Willamina at the VFW Hall.
 Dinner served at 6 p.m.
 Auction begins promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Attention Those Receiving Pension or Disability Checks

The Member Services department has received several phone calls from concerned members who have experienced delays in receiving their pension or disability checks by mail. Many members have chosen to have their checks mailed to them and become concerned if they are not received in a timely manner. All checks are mailed from our office on the 10th of the month; unless the 10th falls on a Sunday then the checks will be mailed on Monday, and if the 10th falls on Saturday they will be mailed on Friday. When the checks are released from our office we have no way of tracking them through the postal service, although we do understand your concern.

The Member Services department would like to recommend that members who are participating in the Elder Pension or Tribal Disability programs consider the option of receiving their monies by way of direct deposit. By choosing this option you will not have to wait to receive your check, we can just deposit the funds into your bank account. Please contact Valorie Sheker-Robertson for assistance at 1-800-442-0346.

Members who continue to receive their checks by mail will need to let us know if you do not receive your check, we cannot place a stop payment on the check until 10 working days after we have mailed it and it will take 10 working days to reissue the check.

Notice To All Tribal Council Nominees

Tribal Council Nominations will be conducted at the May 5 General Council meeting at the Community Center

Tribal code §280

F (1). Qualifications: Any duly enrolled Tribal member who will be eighteen years of age or older on the date of the election is qualified to be a candidate.

F (2). Nominations: The General Council shall accept nominations of candidates for Tribal Council at its regular meeting in May of each year. The Chairperson of the General Council shall give notice of this at the regular meeting of the General Council in April. Any voter may nominate someone from the floor at the May meeting. The person nominated must be present and either decline or accept the nomination prior to placing a person's name on the ballot, the board with the assistance of the Enrollment Officer shall verify that the nominee meets the qualifications set forth in section (f) (1).

Health & Wellness Center Massage Therapy

Massage therapy services will continue to be provided by a licensed massage therapist at the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center for Grand Ronde Tribal members and members of other federally recognized Tribes on referral from Health Center medical providers. This service will be provided, as medically necessary, regardless of whether or not massage therapist services are included within the scope benefits under Tribal members ODS Health Plan or other health insurance plans.



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Letters

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I want to thank everyone at the Tribal offices who work hard to provide the services that the Elders and members receive. I appreciate all that is done for us. The medical and the annual payments help so much! I just think it is all so wonderful. Receiving the paper is very important to me. I enjoy it so much! A special thank you to the *Smoke Signals* staff and Kimberly for sending me extra copies and also the lovely pin. The pin makes me feel so special.

Sincerely,
Genevieve Johnson
 Clarkston, Washington
 Roll #2554

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SMOKE SIGNALS 2002 DEADLINE SCHEDULE



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DEADLINE DATE	ISSUE DATE
Fri., May 3	MAY 15
Fri., May 17	JUNE 1
Wed., June 5	JUNE 15
Thurs., June 20	JULY 1
Fri., July 5	JULY 15
Fri., July 19	AUG. 1
Mon., Aug. 5	AUG. 15
Tue., Aug. 20	SEPT. 1
Thurs., Sept. 5	SEPT. 15
Thurs., Sept. 19	OCT. 1
Fri., Oct. 4	OCT. 15
Fri., Oct. 18	NOV. 1
Tue., Nov. 5	NOV. 15
Fri., Nov. 15	DEC. 1
Thurs., Dec. 5	DEC. 15
Mon., Dec. 16	JAN. 1



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2. Statements from candidates will be published in a special election edition of **SMOKE SIGNALS**, currently scheduled for July 1, 2002.
3. Letters to the editor from candidates will **NOT** be published during the time period from nominations to the conclusion of the Tribal Council Election.
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This policy is intended to ensure an equal forum for all candidates.



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