

## Attention Tribal Members:

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL MEETINGS START AT 11 A.M.

### 2005 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

March 6 .....	Grand Ronde
April 3 .....	Eugene, Oregon — Address To Be Announced
May 1 .....	Grand Ronde
June 26 .....	Grand Ronde — Tribal Council — Nominations
<b>SUMMER BREAK</b>	
September 11 .....	Grand Ronde — (Second Sunday — Labor Day)
October 9 .....	Grand Ronde — (Second Sunday — Hunting)
November 6 .....	Grand Ronde
December 4 .....	Grand Ronde

## NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Meetings

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
February 16, 2005 .....	5 p.m.

Please call 1-800-422-0232 ext. 1309 and verify the time 24 hours in advance.

## Letters

To all Tribal members and any others that are concerned:

It is my understanding that our Tribal meetings on Sunday and every other Wednesday are for meetings not vendettas towards Tribal members and just because you are mad at a Tribal member don't bring it up at our meetings "please." I come to these meetings to find out how our businesses are doing — the casino, the station, timber and the property we buy. Not to hear how somebody spoke to someone. Please keep your fights out of our meetings. I would greatly appreciate it.

May God bless you all!

Love,

**Marcia Bolton**

Roll #1187

Dear *Smoke Signals*,

Just a note to say thank you for the Tribe for building a great relationship with the sponsoring of the Portland Winter hawks. Also, thank you *Smoke Signals* for the great article on the Winter hawks. Being an avid Winter hawks fan and observing how the Winter hawks team excels in their education, community involvement and service expresses to me the similarities and qualities that the Tribe has. This team is driven by hardwork, deep respect for others and their goal of producing the most exciting sports action Portland has to offer. Thank you Grand Ronde and Winter hawks and may this relationship continue for years to come.

Sincerely,

**Eric Hardin**

Stayton, Oregon

Dear *Smoke Signals*,

I am writing to say "thank you" and your staff of *Smoke Signals* for the newspaper. The many fine beautiful photos! The smiley happy faces brings joy and warmth into my life. I am most grateful to the Confederated Tribal Community for the compassion in making this paper a gift to me. I have no family any longer. Your paper has become a letter from warm, beautiful people.

I wish each of you, Brent, Justin, Ron, Toby, Peta, Marty and Shelly a secure, joyful and peaceful year 2005.

May the Higher Spirit as you understand him bless you and keep you.

Respectfully,

**Melvin L. Weeks**

### Corrections

■ In a photograph for the Elders' Christmas party in the January 1<sup>st</sup> issue, we misidentified Tribal member Sophia LaBonte. Kathryn Patterson was holding Sophia in the picture, but we identified the child as Anna Fasana.

■ In the February 1 article about Tribal Elder Dean Mercier, we misidentified the child sitting on the "Running Bear" dory. It was Tribal member Tracy McLaughlin, not Doug Colton as we reported.

■ In addition in that story, we placed the Tribal office in the old railroad building. In fact, it was in the cemetery building.

*We regret the errors and in light of them, we are especially appreciative for the many compliments that the story received.*

## Grand Ronde Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closed on Monday, February 21 in observance of Presidents' Day.

## Smoke Signals 2005 Deadlines

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Fri., Mar. 4 .....	MAR. 15
Fri., Mar. 18 .....	APR. 1
Mon., Apr. 4 .....	APR. 15
Wed., Apr. 20 .....	MAY. 1
Fri., May 6 .....	MAY. 15
Fri., May 20 .....	JUNE 1
Mon., June 6 .....	JUNE 15
Fri., June 17 .....	JULY 1
Tues., July 5 .....	JULY 15
Wed., July 20 .....	AUG. 1
Fri., Aug. 5 .....	AUG. 15
Fri., Aug. 19 .....	SEPT. 1
Mon., Sept. 5 .....	SEPT. 15
Tues., Sept. 20 .....	OCT. 1
Wed., Oct. 5 .....	OCT. 15
Fri., Oct. 21 .....	NOV. 1
Fri., Nov. 4 .....	NOV. 15
Fri., Nov. 18 .....	DEC. 1
Fri., Dec. 2 .....	DEC. 15
Fri., Dec. 16 .....	JAN. 1, 2006

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