

Attention Tribal Members:

NOTE THAT ALL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETINGS START AT 11 A.M.
2005 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

March 6 Grand Ronde
 April 3 Eugene
Valley River Inn, 1000 Valley River Way — Eugene, Oregon
 May 1 Grand Ronde
 June 26 Grand Ronde — Tribal Council — Nominations
SUMMER BREAK
 September 11 Grand Ronde — (Second Sunday — Labor Day)
 October 9 Grand Ronde — (Second Sunday — Hunting)
 November 6 Grand Ronde
 December 4 Grand Ronde

2nd Annual Committee Summit

Monday, March 14, 2005 — 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 Kalapuya Rooms, Spirit Mountain Casino
 Breakfast served at 8:30 a.m., meeting to follow.

Financial Discussion Meeting

Saturday, March 19 — 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
 Kalapuya Rooms, Spirit Mountain Casino
 A light lunch will be provided.

Staff and others will be discussing Tribal financial issues.

2005 Community Membership Meetings

- Sunday, May 1 (11 a.m.) in Grand Ronde at the Gymnasium and the Community Center (combined with General Council meeting).
- Thursday, May 5 (6 p.m.) in Eugene at the Valley River Inn.
- Thursday, May 12 (6 p.m.) in Portland at the Embassy Suites Hotel — Portland Airport.
- Sunday May 15 (11 a.m.) in Tacoma at the Sheraton Hotel (council attends A.T.N.I. there the balance of that week).

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Meetings

DATE	TIME
March 2, 2005	5 p.m.
March 16, 2005	5 p.m.
March 30, 2005	5 p.m.

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

Letters

Nuhau (Greetings) People of the Grand Ronde Tribe,
 I have to write with you to let you know how much I enjoy and appreciate your newspaper "Smoke Signals."

I received a card from my youngest daughter "Myla Wind Horse" recently. I had not heard from her for 7 years. I could not read it for a while as my eyes were filled with much water.

I have not yet answered as I have so many times in my mind, it is just a jumble. I will write to her. I had asked if you would send your newspaper to her and my daughter who lives now in France. If you send your newspaper it may let her know she is an Indian girl and not writing to me is not our way-whatever is the reason. I thank you and especially our "Grandfather" who helps us in so many ways.

Sincerely,

Tay Che Kay Lah

Hello,

I am writing this letter to *Smoke Signals* to voice an ethical concern in regards to the recall for one of our elected Tribal Council members. I am not defending nor condemning the petition, but feel that members who do not live in the Grand Ronde area and are not able to attend the council meetings and functions that take place at the Tribal offices and casino should not sign a petition out of lack of knowledge of what actually takes place. Tribal members that cannot attend meetings and get involved in the Tribal functions should not voice a yes or no answer on hearsay and feel they have made the right decision. I have received two letters about a recall issue, one from the person that initiated the petition and one from the council member being recalled. I have not met either of these people, so it would be unfair for me to sign the petition. I feel if there is a problem with a council member and it has been brought to the council's attention, the council should investigate the circumstances and handle it as deemed necessary. If council does not address the complaint, that's when an ethics committee, which should be made up of several Tribal members that are active in Tribal meetings and attend Tribal functions, should take over.

Geographically, I am not able to attend meetings or functions of the Tribe, but I am sure there are Tribal members who do attend or could attend if asked. I want to thank *Smoke Signals* for us who live outside the tri city area who feel that something isn't right to write and voice our feelings to the rest of the Tribal members. This is the first time I have written to the paper and I felt compelled to write so those that cannot be a part of what takes place in Grand Ronde will think of their situation before signing something they are not truly knowledgeable about.

Thank you,
Mike Ryser

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DEADLINE DATE	ISSUE DATE
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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