

Attention Tribal Members:

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

2005 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

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

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Meetings

DATE	TIME
April 27	5 p.m.

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

Want To Take Part In Your Health Care? Let Us Know.....

One goal of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is to provide quality health care and health insurance to Tribal members. This goal is supported by access to care, quality of care and the costs of providing care. The Tribe is committed to addressing health care concerns, along with the continued development of the current health care program. Currently, the Tribe is in the process of reviewing the health care plan for Tribal members to address these concerns and would like your feedback.

Several Tribal member health plan meetings are scheduled for May. The purpose of these meetings is to gather feedback regarding your experience with UMR including claims submissions, access to doctors, pharmacy and prescription, as well as the overall process and health plan. This is your opportunity to give input and suggestions on the health plan and tell us what is working or not. Your participation would be valued and much appreciated. Please join the Tribal Risk Management staff, KPMG consultants and UMR on any of the followings dates:

- Monday, May 2 — Grand Ronde, Tribal Community Center 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 3 — Grand Ronde, Tribal Community Center 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 10 — Eugene Satellite Office 6 p.m.
- Monday, May 16 — Grand Ronde Tribal Community Center 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 17 — Portland Satellite Office 6 p.m.

Letters

Dear *Smoke Signals*,

The day that I wrote to *Smoke Signals* for a subscription is the best thing I've ever done.

Back in the early 60's, during the year of the Alaska earthquake, I attended my 9th year of school at the Chemawa Indian Boarding School.

It was with such memory when I noticed the article "Chemawa Powwow Celebrates the School's 125th Birthday." There use to be a railroad track that ran through the campus back then, but now the campus location had been relocated a little away from the railroad tracks. The other article I enjoyed reading of is of a Peregrine falcon that had been caught in a fence. Natives make excellent game managers even without trying to be one. Wildlife Care Center Director, Bob Sallinger and Jo Elam, all did more than good for the fantastic bird.

Thank you for the *Smoke Signals*.

Sincerely,

Mattfi Abruska

Dear Editor,

First, I would like to say how much I enjoy reading the *Smoke Signals* and being kept updated on events concerning our Tribe.

I was somewhat upset to see that the Tribe has again looked after the members on the "other side of the mountain" and left the members on this side to be without any help. A Satellite Office in Eugene and Portland, while the members have help available in Grand Ronde also. What about the members (especially Elders unable to make that trip) in Central Oregon area? When are we going to be part of the counties and receive the help we need. We can't all live in the 10 county area and the council needs to provide a Satellite Office in the Central Oregon area and add Central Oregon to the approved county areas.

We have lost our legal representation in this area — Oregon Legal Aide is no longer available through Grand Ronde. The Elders in this area have to rely on themselves or just bite the bullet and pay out monies they cannot afford or don't owe because they have no one to turn too.

I would like to hear from the council in regards to legal representation and a Satellite Office in Central Oregon.

Robert E. Rife

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<u>DEADLINE DATE</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
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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