

## Attention Tribal Members:

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

### 2005 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
May 25 .....	5 p.m.

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

## Letters

Letter to the Editor,  
 I would like to say how appreciative I am to the staff of *Smoke Signals*. We take so much for granted and never stop long enough to look at the good things happening. This newsletter and the staff have won many, many awards for their work and they never let their ego corrupt them. We do have the best newsletter in the Northwest. I was one of the first to criticize the participation of our Tribal members at the Rose Garden Hockey Game, as I felt that for as much time as the dancers put into dressing in regalia for a five-minute presentation was not enough, it was then that the Editor and staff explained to me why we were only allowed five-minutes, because of the ice melting and the temperature needed to be maintain or the ice would be no good. It made me realize that there is so much behind the scenes that we are not aware of. The staff of *Smoke Signals* make every effort and go beyond to accommodate our Tribal members so that they can relax and enjoy many events that we would not ordinarily be able to do. Marty goes beyond 100 percent to make sure everyone will have what they need. I do not see any slackers in that department. They try their very best to produce an interesting, informative, respectful paper.

With Gratitude,  
**Joyce Kirk**  
 Roll #16

Dear *Smoke Signals*,  
 I am writing in regards to the article in the April 15, 2005 issue of the *Smoke Signals*, page 5, concerning the report of the April General Council Meeting that was held in Eugene, Oregon.

The Grand Ronde Tribe's Restoration roll of 1984, which to my knowledge numbers 1,101 Tribal Members — 1) contained "all" of the names on the Termination Roll, whether living or dead; and not just those alive in 1983. 2) contained the names of those who were able to enroll in the Tribe before the Restoration Roll was closed sometime in 1984; and not just those added to the rolls in 1983 at the time of the Tribe's Restoration.

I would like to say that I have not seen any of my benefits reduced; in fact it has been quite the opposite since my name was place on the Restoration Act Roll of 1984.

I would also like to say that there has been no study done that would indicate that "proposed changes" to our Enrollment policy would "double the number of existing members." It is my belief that once those who have been denied since 1999 are allowed to enroll, we would not see much more of an increase in our membership than what we now experience.

It is also my belief that we need to address our membership requirements issue once and for all so we can move forward on other important issues that our Tribe faces.

I would like to hear from anyone who would like to discuss "any issue" of the Grand Ronde Tribe with me.

Sincerely,  
**Leroy Good**  
 Roll #892  
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Dear Family and Friends,  
 A thank you with much love to my five children and their families for the fantastic birthday party. To Bob and Annie for the slide show, it was great seeing all our family and friends like Jim and Lorretta from Brookings. Lorretta said we have been friends for 43 years. Thanks to the children's friends from high school that were there. I had so many kids all sizes and colors who called me mom and I loved everyone of them. Thank you for all coming. I love you all.

Thanks,  
**Val Grout**  
 Roll #1115

## Grand Ronde Tribal Office Closures

All Tribal offices will be closing on Friday, May 27 at 12 p.m. and closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

## Smoke Signals 2005 Deadlines

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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
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