

Attention Tribal Members:

2006 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 8 — Grand Ronde

Sunday, February 12 — Portland

Sunday, April 2 — Eugene

***Please note that addresses for the Portland and Eugene meetings will be provided in January.**

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

Ad-Hoc Committee Update

Since inception of the Ad-Hoc Committee, information gathering has been its number one priority. Although this has been a slow process, historical data has been the easiest to acquire. The committee did decide to hold its meetings the second and fourth Sundays of each month (sometimes things change though), with an announcement at the Governance Center to be put up one week prior to each meeting. The committee will hold Community Meetings in Tacoma, Portland, Eugene and Roseburg in 2006. These meeting dates/times will be forthcoming. The "twice monthly" meetings in Grand Ronde would allow community input at the end of each meeting, therefore creating "mini-community" meetings. Anyone wanting to share information or opinions at these meetings may do so at the end of each meeting. Anyone wanting to write to the committee may address the information to Ken Trevino and he will forward to the rest of the committee.

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Attention: Tribal Committees & Special Event Boards

Any committee or special event board member whose appointment ends on December 31, 2005 must re-apply.

New application forms may be picked up at the Governance Center; please do not use the old forms.

Send completed applications to Dakota Whitecloud, TCRC at the address printed on the new application form:

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Attn: Dakota Whitecloud
9615 Grand Ronde Road
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NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Meetings

DATE	TIME
December 21	5 p.m.

~CASHING CHECKS AT CASINO~

We would like to inform all Tribal members of the process that has been initiated at the casino for you to cash your per capita checks with the greatest amount of speed and efficiency; including the identification that will be required.

On Thursday, December 15, we will have five windows set up in the Bingo Hall for your convenience. In order to simplify the handling of checks for all Tribal members four of the windows will be divided up by the first letter of your last name. The fifth window will be designated for Tribal Elders. These windows will be ready to assist you in the cashing of your checks quickly and easily.

Please bring your Tribal ID card or other proof of identification. You will also be asked for your current physical address as this is a requirement by the IRS.

If you have any questions or need any further information please contact Scott Mode, Cage Manager at 503-879-3922 or a Cage Supervisor at 503-879-3729.

Cover — Yakama Nation Tribal members Agnes Meninick and Sara Dave were one of the thousands of visitors to the 2005 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow in August.

Grand Ronde Tribal Office Closures

All Tribal offices will be closed on Monday, December 26 in observance of Christmas. All offices will close at 12 p.m. on Friday, December 23 for administrative leave. Tribal offices will also be closed on Monday, January 2, 2006 for New Years.

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DEADLINE DATE	ISSUE DATE
Fri., Dec. 16	JAN. 1,
Thurs., Jan. 5	JAN. 15
Fri., Jan. 13	FEB. 1
Fri., Feb. 3	FEB. 15
Fri., Feb. 17	MAR. 1
Fri., Mar. 3	MAR. 15



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Please note that we receive numerous Letters To The Editor and Tribal life (birthday announcements, etc.) each month. Due to space issues, sometimes we do not have enough room to put them in the issue you may have requested. They will be put in as soon as space is made available in upcoming issues. Thank you for your understanding.



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