

## Tribal ID Machine Out Of Service

The Tribe will be sending the Tribal ID machine to Texas for repair. It will be gone for about 6 weeks. The Enrollement Office will be able to take your picture, but you will have to wait until the machine gets back to print your Tribal ID card. We will then mail them to members. If you have any questions, call Sharon Freund at 503-879-2116 or Margo Mercier at 503-879-2253.

### Attention Tribal Members:

#### 2006 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

- Sunday, November 5
- Sunday, December 3

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

## NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, October 25 .....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, November 8 .....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, November 15 .....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, November 29 .....	5 p.m.

Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed. Please call Dakota Whitecloud, Tribal Council Relations Coordinator at 503-879-1309 to confirm.

## ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

The following committees or special event boards (SEB) have vacant positions: Education, Pow-wow SEB, Royalty SEB, Rodeo SEB, Culture and Fish & Wildlife.

If you are interested in serving on one of these committees and/or boards, please call Dakota Whitecloud at 503-879-1309.

## 2006 Tribal Dividend Checks

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

On Thursday, December 14, we will have six windows set up in Rogue Banquet Rooms A & B 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. The sixth window will be for checks that are a different amount because taxes or payments have been deducted. These windows will be ready to assist you in the cashing of your checks quickly and easily.

Please bring your valid Tribal ID card or other valid proof of identification such as a Driver's License. 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 ext. 3922 or a Cage Supervisor ext. 3729.

## Letters

Dear *Smoke Signals*,

We would like to express our deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks to our circle of family and friends during our great loss of a son, brother, uncle, father, grandfather, nephew, cousin and a great friend.

Always and forever grateful,

The family of Buddy J. Haskins, Jr.

## Corrections

In the October 1, 2006 issue of *Smoke Signals*, we misnamed Sammy Johnson in the "Tribe Pays Tribute To White Wolf" story. We called him Tahoma Aleck.

*Smoke Signals* misspelled the last name of Dennis Worden, the Community Fund's 2006-07 Hatfield Fellow, in the September 15 issue. We apologize for the errors.

## Free Lecture At Community Center

Come and listen to Alternative Energy expert Dave Berger talk about energy and economic diversification at the Tribal Community Center on Saturday, October 14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. A meal will be served at noon. Berger is on the faculty of Portland Community College. He has taught Environmental Engineering there for the past 22 years. Dave's focus is on alternative energy: Solar, wind, the feasibility of alternative energy sources in Grand Ronde and the jobs they might generate.

Dave just returned from Canada where he participated in the Keepers of the Rivers conference. He is part of an environmental watchdog group that advises on our environment. Dave has taught in Africa and has worked with many Indian Tribes. He is currently working with the Yakama Nation. He also organizes Native American Youth Camps.

For more information contact Wesley "Buddy" West by email at wesley.west@grandronde.org or by phone at 503-879-2353.

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Friday, November 16.....	DECEMBER 1

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