

**Attention Tribal Members:**

**2006 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

■ Sunday, December 3

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

**NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings**

DATE	TIME
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.

**Letters**

Dear Grand Ronde Community,

In behalf of the Native American Youth and (NAYA) Family Center's Board of Directors, Staff, and Community Partners, we would like to thank Tony Johnson, Cultural Education Coordinator for attending and participating in our open house this past September.

As a Chinook and employee of the Grand Ronde Tribes, Tony represented your people very well, and we deeply appreciate his presence, officially granting permission to use these lands. His Chinook stories and songs gave those in attendance the sense that our ancestors were there with us as well as a very real part of the evening's festivities, there to offer their guidance and wisdom as we embark on a journey of empowerment and support in the lives of our Native American Community.

We thank Tony Johnson for all the time and energy spent educating others regarding the rich history and culture of The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde.

Sincerely

**Nichole Maher**

Executive Director

NAYA Family Center

**Singing In The Rain**

By Ron Karten

As the rain comes down and the rivers rise up, it should be comforting to know that Kirk Stuart and his Groundskeeping crew have been busy planting 31,000 red tulips around the Spirit Mountain Casino. They're due up in late March and early April. Smile.



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**Tribal Office Closures**

All Tribal Offices will be closing on Tuesday, November 21 at noon and will be closed on Wednesday, November 22 in observance of Restoration Day. Offices will also be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for Thanksgiving.

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