

Attention Tribal Members**2007 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

■ Sunday, Dec. 2 — Grand Ronde, 11 a.m.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE **TIME**
Wednesday, Nov. 28 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 Smoke Signals:**

The family of Karen Merrill is deeply grateful for all the beautiful flowers and kindness extended during the loss of our loved one.

A special thank you to the Canoe Family for the memorable memorial song and your love and support; to Tribal Council for your show of support in attendance and flowers; the Sheridan Church of the Nazarene for the great meal and memorial services; and Margo Mercier for all you do with assisting families in providing services for their loved ones.

To all our friends and family who show us so much love and support, we can never thank you enough.

Many thanks for the contributions; it is greatly appreciated.

The Merrill-Holmes Family

Dear Smoke Signals:

I would like to take this time to thank all of the people who helped make the Elder's Halloween Ball a great success.

I would like to give a special thanks to Angie Sears, Jennifer Butler, Violet Folden, Gladys Hobbs, Sharon Freund, Dawn LaChance, Linda LaChance and her granddaughter, Tabitha, for all their hard work and the long hours they put into decorating the Community Center.

Thanks to Louise Medeiros, Linda, Gladys and Violet for preparing the food.

With all your help and hard work, the Halloween Ball was a big success. Thanks ladies; you rock!

I would also like to thank all the musicians who came and played. You did a great job.

Cherie Butler
Elders Committee vice chair

Dear Smoke Signals:

Dennis Dawkins wants to give a special "thank you" to Tina Dizick and Sharon Freund for organizing the luncheon last month for him. He also wants to add, "Thank you to everyone for your prayers, thoughts and donations."

As most of you know, Dennis was injured on Sept. 16 in an accident at his home when a boat fuel tank he was standing on exploded. He shattered the big bones in both of his feet and his left leg. One heel bone was broken in about 20 places.

He spent a week and a half in the hospital, at Oregon Health Sciences University, after having external braces surgically added to his leg and both feet. He came home for about two weeks to wait for the skin and flesh to heal, and the swelling to go down in both feet.

He went back to OHSU to have the external braces removed. Bars and screws were put on the inside of his leg and feet. First they worked on the right foot, and then the left leg and foot the next week.

He is now home but in more pain than before the last two surgeries. In about two months he will have one or two more surgeries on each foot. He can only get out of bed in his wheelchair for about an hour at a time. He must lie in bed with his feet at about heart level. The doctor will not allow him to put any weight on his feet for at least four more months.

If it was not for all of the fundraisers and donations, Dennis would not have the money he needs for prescriptions and the down payment for his surgeries. Thanks again family, friends and the community for your prayers and help.

The next fundraiser will be a 4x4 Cruise In with a chili feed and bake sale on Nov. 17 at the Grand Ronde Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Sherry Dawkins
Grand Ronde

Dear Smoke Signals:

We would like to send special thanks to all of you who gave items to be sent to the troops overseas in Iraq and elsewhere. The lap blankets, afghans, tapes and etc., I'm sure will be welcomed by all. Thank you for your spirit of giving.

The Ladies of the VFW Auxilliary Post
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Tribal Office Closures

All Tribal offices will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 21, for Restoration Day, Thursday, Nov. 22, for Thanksgiving and Friday, Nov. 23.

NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

In response to requests from Tribal members regarding the proposed 2008 budget, the Tribal Council has arranged the following meeting. This will be your opportunity to ask specific questions regarding the proposed budget. Tribal Management and Finance staff will be present. This meeting is for Tribal members, their spouses and guardians of Tribal children only.

What: Information Meeting — 2008 Proposed Budget

When: Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007 — 9 to 11 a.m.

Where: Tribal Council Chambers

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