

Tribal Council nominations set

Tribal Council nominations will be accepted at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 29, at the Tribal Community Center.

For more information or questions, call the Elections Office at 503-879-2271 or 800-422-0232, ext. 2271.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, June 4	5 p.m.
Wednesday, June 18	5 p.m.

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

Dance practice slated

Dance practice for upcoming summer powwows will be held in June in the Tribal gymnasium in Grand Ronde.

In June, practice will be held 5:30 p.m. Monday, June 2 and 16, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 8 and 22.

Practice is open to all Tribal members.

For more information, call Jackie Many Hides at 503-879-7724. ■

Journey to make stop in Grand Ronde

Participants in the 2008 Peace & Dignity Journey, which treks from Alaska to Panama, will stop in Grand Ronde on June 24 for a 5 p.m. potluck dinner in the barbecue area near the Tribal gymnasium.

The 2008 journey focuses on sacred sites throughout the Americas as indigenous people are facing threats to their culture and existence.

Peace & Dignity Journeys are runs dedicated to the healing of Native nations and North American participants are running from Alaska to Panama, where they will meet with South American runners who started at the tip of that continent and ran north.

Both Native and nonNative people who are committed to the preservation of Native American culture are encouraged to participate, and run for as little as one day or the entire duration of the journey.

For more information about the Grand Ronde stop, contact Tribal Elder Carol Logan at 541-921-0388.

Logan said those interested in bringing a meal to the potluck should plan on arriving at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.peaceanddignityjourneys.com.

Grand Ronde Tribal members only

We will be taking orders for the Nike N-7 shoe. The Nike N-7 Native shoe is wider with a deeper toe box. This shoe was designed with input from Native Americans over a time span of two years. The shoes are only available in the wide width. Price for the shoe is \$48 per pair and if anyone wants them shipped it is an additional \$7.50 per pair. Orders will be placed the second week in July and will take three to four weeks to arrive in Grand Ronde.

The dates to order are as follows: June 30 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; July 1 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; July 2 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and July 3 – 9 to 11 a.m.

Location: CTGR Community Center

If you have any questions, call Bonnie at 503-879-2016.

Per capita distribution date: Friday, June 13, 2008

Tribal members are not required to do anything to receive this quarter's per capita distribution. However, anyone wanting to change their address needs to call Hollie Mercier at 503-879-2490 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2490. In addition, anyone wanting to change their tax deductions, transfer funds to the adult savings plan or add/cancel direct deposit, please contact Wendy Coleman, Benefits Consultant at RedW Benefits, LLC at 1-800-599-0113 directly or request the necessary forms from Hollie Mercier at CTGR. Forms can be faxed to Wendy Coleman at 505-998-3442.

Have you updated your beneficiary designation? Have you checked your beneficiary designation for your CTGR Member Trust & Adult Savings Plan account recently? If not, you may find that your designated beneficiary is not who or what you think it should be, especially if you have divorced, remarried or had children since your account was established. It is important to keep your beneficiary designations current to ensure that benefits are paid promptly and according to your wishes. If you need to change your beneficiary because of marriage, divorce, adoption of a child or a birth or death in your family, contact Hollie Mercier at 503-879-2490 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2490, for a copy of the beneficiary change form. ■

Contest Powwow vendor information

If you are interested in being a vendor for the Grand Ronde Annual Contest Powwow, Aug. 15-17, 2008, contact Shannon Simi or Dana Ainam at 1-800-242-8196 to request an application.

Social Services Committee members wanted

Applications are being accepted for the newly formed Social Services Committee. Contact Dakota Whitecloud, Tribal Council Relations Coordinator, at 503-879-1309, 1-800-422-0232, ext. 1309, or e-mail at dakota.whitecloud@grandronde.org to obtain an application.

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Friday, June 20	JULY 1
Monday, July 7	JULY 15

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