

**NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Wednesday, Aug. 5 .....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 19 .....	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.

**Letters**



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Percy "Gunny" Brandon is presented a Pendleton blanket by Tribal Elder Steve Rife, left, and Jim Willis, director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, right, during the Veterans' Powwow on Saturday, July 11.

Dear *Smoke Signals*:

I was honored by the Powwow Committee at the Veterans' Powwow on July 11, 2009, for my years as a Marine and my support of my fellow veterans since my retirement because of my wounds. I was wounded six times in Vietnam and awarded four Purple Hearts.

I was honored with a white Spirit Mountain collection robe and will honor the robe to my brothers, John and Gary, both Navy; brother, Bill, Air Force; and my brother Howard, a Marine who was killed in World War II on March 9, 1945.

All five of us joined the service from Grand Ronde.

Percy "Gunny" Brandon  
McMinnville

Dear Tribal members:

I, and members of my family, have created an online "gathering place" for those of us who are Grand Ronde Tribal members, and for those who have ancestral roots with the Grand Ronde Tribe even though they are not enrolled for various reasons.

The "gathering place" is a Web site called "Grand Ronde On Line," or "GROL" for short. The Web site is hosted by MyFamily.com and has been in operation since January 2004.

The GROL Web site is a place to post Grand Ronde news, history, photos of Grand Ronde events and people, family trees, recipes, Tribal goals and concerns, and more. Overall, the Web site is a place to just enjoy, while knowing this is being done in a private, password-protected environment.

If you are interested in this "Grand Ronde On Line" gathering place, please contact me at Leroy Good <cen15752@centurytel.net or 989-873-5191.

Leroy Good  
Roll #892

See page 10 for more letters.

**Cultural Resources slates Tradition Tech workshop**

The Tribe's Cultural Resources Department will hold a weekend workshop on traditional technologies Friday through Sunday, Sept. 4-6.

Participants will learn about basketry, carving, harvesting and processing techniques, fishing and flint knapping. All materials and food will be provided.

The event will be held in Alsea, and there will be an area for camping and limited cabin space for Elders and the disabled.

A limited amount of transportation will be provided. The workshop is limited to the first 30 people to sign up.

For more information, contact Tribal Cultural Education Specialist Misty Thorsgard at misty.thorsgard@grandronde.org or 503-879-2320. ■

**General Council meeting**

Sunday, Sept. 13 — 11 a.m.

Tribal Community Center

**Smoke Signals**

**PUBLICATIONS OFFICE**

9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347

1-800-422-0232, FAX: 503-879-2173

Web site: [www.grandronde.org/news](http://www.grandronde.org/news)

E-mail: [news@grandronde.org](mailto:news@grandronde.org)

**SIOBHAN TAYLOR**  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
DIRECTOR  
503-879-1920  
[siobhan.taylor@grandronde.org](mailto:siobhan.taylor@grandronde.org)

**KRISTEN RAVIA**  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
SECRETARY  
503-879-1418  
[kristen.ravia@grandronde.org](mailto:kristen.ravia@grandronde.org)

**DEAN RHODES**  
PUBLICATIONS  
COORDINATOR  
503-879-1463  
[dean.rhodes@grandronde.org](mailto:dean.rhodes@grandronde.org)

**SCARLETT HOLTZ**  
PUBLICATIONS  
SECRETARY  
503-879-1453  
[scarlett.holtz@grandronde.org](mailto:scarlett.holtz@grandronde.org)

**JUSTIN PHILLIPS**  
PAGE DESIGNER  
503-879-2190  
[justin.phillips@grandronde.org](mailto:justin.phillips@grandronde.org)

**RON KARTEN**  
STAFF WRITER  
503-879-4663  
[ron.karten@grandronde.org](mailto:ron.karten@grandronde.org)

**GEORGE VALDEZ**  
GRAPHIC DESIGN  
SPECIALIST  
503-879-1416  
[george.valdez@grandronde.org](mailto:george.valdez@grandronde.org)

**MICHELLE ALAIMO**  
PHOTOJOURNALIST  
503-879-1961  
[michelle.alaimo@grandronde.org](mailto:michelle.alaimo@grandronde.org)

**SHELLY KENT**  
CENTRAL PHONES  
503-879-5211  
[shelly.kent@grandronde.org](mailto:shelly.kent@grandronde.org)

**CARLA ROBERTS**  
CENTRAL PHONES  
503-879-1447  
[carla.roberts@grandronde.org](mailto:carla.roberts@grandronde.org)

DEADLINE DATE	ISSUE DATE
Wednesday, Aug. 5 .....	AUG. 15
Thursday, Aug. 20 .....	SEPT. 1
Thursday, Sept. 3 .....	SEPT. 15
Monday, Sept. 21 .....	OCT. 1
Monday, Oct. 5 .....	OCT. 15
Tuesday, Oct. 20 .....	NOV. 1

**Editorial Policy**

**SMOKE SIGNALS**, a publication of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, is published twice a month. No portion of this publication may be reprinted without permission.

Our editorial policy is intended to encourage input from Tribal members and readers about stories printed in the Tribal newspaper. However, all letters received must be signed by the author, an address must be given and a phone number or e-mail address must be included for verification purposes. Full addresses and phone numbers will not be published unless requested.

**SMOKE SIGNALS** reserves the right to edit letters and to refuse letters that are determined to contain libelous statements or personal attacks on individuals, staff, Tribal administration or Tribal Council. Not all letters are guaranteed publication upon submission. Letters to the editor are the opinions and views of the writer. Published letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of **SMOKE SIGNALS**, Tribal staff, Tribal administration or Tribal Council.



Members of: ■ Native American Journalists Association  
■ The Associated Press  
■ Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association

**2009 Tribal Council**

1-800-422-0232 — [council@grandronde.org](mailto:council@grandronde.org)

■ **Cheryle A. Kennedy**  
Tribal Chairwoman  
— ext. 2352  
[cheryle.kennedy@grandronde.org](mailto:cheryle.kennedy@grandronde.org)

■ **Chris Mercier**  
— ext. 2305  
[chris.mercier@grandronde.org](mailto:chris.mercier@grandronde.org)

■ **Reyn Leno**  
Tribal Vice Chair  
— ext. 2399  
[reyn.leno@grandronde.org](mailto:reyn.leno@grandronde.org)

■ **Wink Soderberg**  
— ext. 1444  
[wink.soderberg@grandronde.org](mailto:wink.soderberg@grandronde.org)

■ **Jack Giffen Jr.**  
Tribal Secretary  
— ext. 2306  
[jack.giffen@grandronde.org](mailto:jack.giffen@grandronde.org)

■ **Kathleen Tom**  
— ext. 1777  
[kathleen.tom@grandronde.org](mailto:kathleen.tom@grandronde.org)

■ **Steve Bobb Sr.**  
— ext. 2353  
[steve.bobb@grandronde.org](mailto:steve.bobb@grandronde.org)

■ **June Sell-Sherer**  
— ext. 2300  
[june.sherer@grandronde.org](mailto:june.sherer@grandronde.org)

■ **Valorie Sheker**  
— ext. 2355  
[val.sheker@grandronde.org](mailto:val.sheker@grandronde.org)