**NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings**

| DATE | TIME |
|---|---|
| Wednesday, Dec. 2 | 5 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Dec. 16 | 5 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Dec. 30 | 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.***

## General Council meeting

**Sunday, Dec. 6 — 11 a.m.**

**Tribal Community Center**

## Letters

**Dear *Smoke Signals*:**

The Lighthouse Recovery Church in Grand Ronde would like to extend our thanks for use of the Tribal gym for our annual Harvest Party on Oct. 31.

The party was well attended by many families throughout the community.

The Lighthouse encourages positive fellowship in Jesus Christ's name and is open to anyone. We hope to have the opportunity to offer further family and community activities in the future, and your participation is needed to experience the joy of Jesus Christ and our almighty father, God.

Look to your positive neighbors and friends for healing and growth. Look to Jesus Christ for forgiveness and the ability to forgive.

Experience the word of the Almighty and our Lord Jesus firsthand. Join us on Sundays at 9:45 and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for joyous worship and spiritual growth at 24702 Grand Ronde Road.

**Ken Haller**
Roll #224
**Sandy Haller**

**Dear *Smoke Signals*:**

I recently received my GED, and I would like to let everyone in my family know. The only way I can do that without putting all my per capita on my VAC account is to phone them all, so I would like to send this certificate to the Tribe as well as my family for being there for me.

So, I write and say first and foremost:

Thank you very much Joanne Carr for never giving up and for always pushing me to succeed.

Thank you to my two aunts, Joyce Kirk and Linda Olson, for telling me all the time that I need to get my GED and always pushing me to succeed as well.

And last, but definitely not least, thank you to my Tribe for pushing Tribal members to further their educational goals and for being there for me when I thought I could do it all on my own.

**Timothy Anderson**

**Timothy Anderson**
Roll #5378

## Honored chair

Photo courtesy of the Potlatch Fund

**Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, standing with Ken Gordon, Executive Director of the Potlatch Fund, received the Fran James Cultural Preservation Award at the Potlatch Fund's seventh annual Gala on Saturday, Nov. 21, in Seattle, Wash.**

**Attention:** Due to the Thanksgiving holiday and printer schedule, *Smoke Signals* is out a day late. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.


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