

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings
DATE **TIME**
 Wednesday, Jan. 27 4 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

Dear Smoke Signals:
 The Bill Knight family is so thankful to have such wonderful family and friends who have been such a comfort in our time of grief. We lost a special man who now is in the arms of our Lord. Thank you everyone.
 "My loving Dad."
Loretta Sisemore
 Chewelah, Wash.

Tribal electronic newsletter starts

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

The Tribe started e-mailing a Tribal electronic newsletter on Friday, Jan. 15, to the more than 800 Tribal members who have signed up on the "members only" side of the Web site at www.grandronde.org.
 The brainchild of Tribal members Chris Mercier and Toby McClary, the electronic newsletter is designed to communicate important Tribal information to Tribal members in a less expensive, faster e-mail format.
 "At this point, we feel it in our best interest and those of the membership to explore more ways to communicate with the general membership," Mercier wrote in the introductory Tribal Voices column.
 "A growing number of members are turning to our Tribal Web site on a daily basis, and an electronic newsletter provides advantages on a daily basis, and an electronic newsletter provides advantages that are considerable, namely being cheap, timely and at little cost in staff time."
 The first electronic newsletter features a Tribal Voices column by Mercier, links to recent *Smoke Signals* stories, an overview of the Jan. 10 General Council meeting and a Q&A feature.
 "We anticipate that this newsletter will evolve over time," Mercier wrote. "This online publication is extremely flexible and will continue to get better as we come to incorporate more multi-media features, such as videos, for example."
 Creation of a Tribal electronic newsletter does not mean the print editions of *Smoke Signals* or *Tilixam Wawa* will disappear.
 "Those publications will continue because most of our membership still prefer their news in newsprint," Mercier said.
 To receive the Tribe's electronic newsletter, Tribal members must be registered members of the Tribal Web site. See the ad on Page 7 in today's *Smoke Signals* for instructions on how to sign up for the Tribal Web site.
 The electronic newsletter is a cooperative effort of Tribal Council, the Publications/Public Affairs staff and the Tribe's Information Systems Department. ■

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