

Help needed for powow

If you are interested in working at the 2010 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow, contact Steve at 503-831-4639.

Letters

Dear *Smoke Signals*:

To everyone concerned: Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and those who worked to make it so, Tribal Council, Housing, Don Coon and his wonderful staff and all of the contractors.

We are so happy and grateful for all of the home improvements from the Tribe. Thanks also for the help with the down payment on our home six years ago.

We are just overjoyed with all of the benefits given by the Tribe, for our great insurance, the help with our home, the educational aspects for the children and all of the Elder pensions, and other monies.

How fortunate we all are to be here, now. Thanks to everyone who has made this possible.

Highest regards,
Gene & Billie LaBonte
Roll # 348

School supply distribution set

The annual Tribal school supply distribution for enrolled Tribal youth in kindergarten through 12th grades will occur Monday, Aug. 16, through Friday, Aug. 27.

The Tribal Education Department will distribute \$20 Wal-Mart gift cards to assist students in purchasing supplies for the 2010-11 school year.

Students, parents and guardians can pick up gift cards from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. at the Youth Education Department. There will be one card per youth and lost cards will not be replaced.

People picking up cards must bring a copy of the student's Tribal identification card, a signature is required for each card and no gift cards will be mailed.

For more information, contact Tribal Youth Education Secretary Toni Mercier at 503-879-2101 or toni.mercier@grandronde.org. ■

Grand Ronde Head Start/Preschool Graduation Powwow

5:30 p.m. — Thursday, Aug. 19
Uyxat Powwow Grounds
For more information, contact
Sandy Bobb at 503-879-2161.

Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closing at noon Friday, Sept. 3, and be closed on Monday, Sept. 6, in observance of Labor Day. Tribal offices also will be closed on Friday, Sept. 24, in observance of National Indian Day.

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DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Aug. 25.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 8.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 22.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 6.....	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.

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Monday, Sept. 20	Oct. 1
Tuesday, Oct. 5	Oct. 15
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Friday, Nov. 5	Nov. 15
Friday, Nov. 19	Dec. 1

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