

Health & Wellness Center to request patient photo ID

The registration staff at the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center began requesting patient photo ID when patients present to the clinic on Nov. 15, 2011.

This is in an effort to reduce the risk of identity theft and fraud. Staff will scan the ID and attach it electronically to the patient's account.

It will be referenced on future visits to ensure that services are being provided to the proper individuals.

Patients should be prepared to present their ID when they come to their next clinic visit. Acceptable photo ID includes driver's license, Tribal ID or employee ID. Acceptable alternatives include Social Security card, certified birth certificate or voter registration card. If the patient is a minor, the patient's parent/legal guardian is to bring the information listed above. ■

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Dec. 7.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 21.....	5 p.m.

Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.

Letters

Dear Smoke Signals:

On behalf of the Lash family, we would like to thank each person who helped us through this hard time of our brother, Rory Lash.

Thanks to Kenny Haller, for his prayers for the family and for the services and to the men who helped: Duke Kimsey, Lynn Gatchell, Cory Lash, Rusty Leno, Gene LaBonte, Don Hendricks and Mike Sampson.

And thanks for all the ladies who helped prepare and bake the food and clean up: Cherie Butler, Gladys Hobbs, Violet Folden, Arelia Clark, Angie Kimsey, Myrna Brandon and Jennifer Butler.

And thanks to Bobby Mercier and the others who sang and drummed.

And a big thank you to Deitrich and Norm Peters.

If we forgot anyone else, we thank you.

Susie Lash and family

Roll #42

Dear Smoke Signals:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Grand Ronde Tribe for having students in grades fifth and sixth visit the Tribal longhouse on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

We all had a great time and learned a lot about the history of the Tribe and its customs.

We look forward to continuing to benefit from the cultural experiences the Tribe has to offer us.

Angie Anderson

Heather Hughes

Rick Crone

Willamina School District teachers

Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closing on Friday, Dec. 23, at noon and closed on Monday, Dec. 26, in observance of Christmas. Offices also will be closing on Friday, Dec. 30, at noon and closed on Monday, Jan. 2, in observance of New Year's Day.



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