

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings
 DATE TIME
 Wednesday, June 20.....5 p.m.
 Wednesday, June 27.....5 p.m.
Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.

Letters

Dear Smoke Signals:
 The Simmons family would like to send a letter of thanks to the Muckleshoot and Grand Ronde communities for our recent gathering for the Simmons Family Memorial and headstone blessings for Jimi Dexter Simmons, John Henry Simmons, Michael Simmons, Rosemary Dilling-Simmons, Marcus Simmons and LaSage Simmons in Grand Ronde, as well as the blessing for our mother-grandmother Marie Daniels, who rests there as well.

We are thankful and grateful for the cooks, the Muckleshoot Canoe Family, the Grand Ronde Canoe Family and Shakers whom traveled all the day down to help with this wonderful healing ceremony.

Also, we would like to thank Grand Ronde for the use of their longhouse, Achaf-hammi, their spiritual leaders, their Elders, our cousins for sharing their stories and all their help that made this occasion that will be remembered for years to come.

We would like to thank the Muckleshoot Tribal Council, the Grand Ronde Tribal Council and the Muckleshoot Ceremonial/Wildlife Committee for providing the elk and salmon that nourished our bodies.

There were a lot of good stories brought forward and shared with all. It is a testimonial to the wonderful changes going on in the Muckleshoot and Grand Ronde communities.

The Simmons Family

Elders' garage sale seeking donations

Tribal Elders are regularly seeking donations for fundraising garage sales.

To donate an item or items, contact Tribal Elders Linda Brandon at 971-267-0918 or Duane Wheeler at 541-992-3254. ■

Changes to your Skookum Health Plan

For Tribal members residing in the counties of Washington, Multnomah, Tillamook, Yamhill, Polk and Marion, you will soon be receiving a new Skookum card with changes to your health plan ID number. This does NOT affect Tribal employees with the Shasta employee plan. We are making a few changes to your health plan group identifier, which means that you will need a new ID card.

- The first three letters of your current ID number will be changing from GRT to GRC.
 - o Your current ID number looks like: GRT123456.
 - o Your new ID number will look like: GRC123456.
- Your ID number affects how your claims are paid, so to ensure your claims are paid correctly, please **THROW OUT** your old card and **KEEP** the new card starting with the GRC ID number.
 - o When you go to a doctor, dentist, pharmacy or eye doctor, make sure you give the provider your new ID card so the bill will be processed for payment correctly.
- The final change relates to your Explanation of Benefits (EOB). Going forward you will only receive an EOB if you owe the provider a portion of the claim costs or if the claim has been denied.
- If you have any questions on the above changes, please call Shasta Administrative Services' Customer Service at 1-800-880-5877 or Contract Health Services at 1-800-775-0095.

Again, these changes only affect Tribal members residing in Washington, Multnomah, Tillamook, Yamhill, Polk and Marion counties! This does not affect Tribal employees. ■

Transportation to Grand Ronde for Tribal members

The Portland Office has transportation day to Grand Ronde once a month for medical, dental appointments or enrollment cards. We need a minimum of 3 people to sign up. Please call Lisa



503-235-4230
 We will leave at the Portland Office at 8 a.m.
 Please call in advance for the scheduled monthly date

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General Council meeting

Sunday, June 24 — 11 a.m.
 Tribal Community Center
 Tribal Council nominations

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