

**NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings**

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Oct. 9.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 23.....	5 p.m.

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

## PLEA FOR HELP! SAVE OUR SKOOKUM!

This is a plea for help! If you or someone you know, friends or family, HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO SOS CORRESPONDENCE requesting information regarding primary insurance coverage, please contact one of the SOS team members IMMEDIATELY!

Final Suspension letters have been sent to Tribal members residing in Oregon who have not responded to our SOS requests. The last thing any of us working on the Secondary Payer project want to do is drop Tribal members from Shasta Skookum.

Suspension letters for Tribal members residing outside of Oregon who have not responded to our SOS requests have also gone out. We need to hear from you, too!

Suspension from Skookum means that your medical and dental bills will not be paid until you respond to our request for information. This could also affect your prescriptions.

**PLEASE CONTACT US**

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Save Our Skookum team members will be on hand at the Oct. 6, 2013, General Council meeting in Grand Ronde to talk with Tribal members about this project. Please make time to stop by and visit with us. ■

## Pumpkin Patch trip set for Oct. 11

The annual Pumpkin Patch trip will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11. The trip will be to Heiser Farms, where there will be an animal petting area, hayride, hay maze, hay pyramid and each child will be allowed to take home one pumpkin. Afterward, there will be pizza and a movie at Third Street Pizza in McMinnville. People must RSVP to Youth Education Secretary Tiffany Mercier by Monday, Oct. 7. She can be reached at 503-879-2101 or tiffany.mercier@grandronde.org. Families are welcome. ■

## Education offers Chinuk Wawa classes

The Tribe's Cultural Education Department offers adult Chinuk Wawa language classes from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday in Room 207 in the Tribal Adult Education Building.

Language classes can be taken for college credit or fun. For more information, call 503-879-2249 or 503-437-4599. ■


## Community resources

**The Clothing Closet on the Tribal campus.**

- 10 a.m. to noon Monday;
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

**Grand Ronde Food Bank, 9600 Hebo Road, Grand Ronde.**

- 9 a.m. to noon Mondays;
- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays.
- Contact: 503-879-5731. ■



**Basket weaving**  
with Connie Graves

**Where:** Elders' Activity Center  
**When:** Every Tuesday  
**Time:** 12:30 P.M.

We will be having a basket weaving class every Tuesday that is open to the public. If you have any questions, contact Brian Krehbiel at 503-879-4639

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**General Council meeting**  
Sunday, Oct. 6 — 11 a.m.  
Tribal Community Center

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