

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings
DATE Wednesday, Jan 28.....
TIME 4 p.m.
Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.

NOTICE TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS ON THE SSI/SSD SUPPLEMENTAL INCOME PROGRAM

Attention Tribal members;
 It's getting to be that time of year again. Time to remember to send us a copy of your current (2014-15 preferably) benefit statement from the Social Security Administration so that we can update your file. If you do not receive your current benefit statement, you may order one by calling the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 or go online at www.ssa.gov. Your current benefit statement must reach our office by Jan. 31, 2015, to avoid any future delays in your benefits. For Elders age 55 and up, if you have been qualified under the SSA department as SSI (Social Security Supplemental Income) or SSD (Social Security Disability) eligible, your pension checks may qualify as non-taxable. We will need a copy of that document (SSA award letter) on file in order for this to take effect.

We have updated our SSI/SSD application form and it will be required that all Tribal members in the SSI/SSD Supplemental Program have a new updated application form in their file. This application form will be mailed to all current members of this program within the next 30 days. Please complete and return the form at your earliest convenience. If you are a new member to this program (within the last 60 days), you have already submitted the updated application and do not need to complete another, but you will need to submit your new award letter for the year 2015.

Please mail copies of your benefit statement to:
 CTGR Member Services
 Attn: Jolanda Catabay
 9615 Grand Ronde Road
 Grand Ronde, OR 97347

You may also e-mail or fax a copy to the following: Fax: 1-800-879-2480 or e-mail: Jolanda.catabay@grandronde.org.

Note: It is the responsibility of the Tribal member to notify the Tribe of any changes in your benefits from the Social Security Administration SSI/SSD program. Failure to notify the Tribe may result in an obligation to repay ineligible benefits received, and interrupt or delay your Tribal Supplemental Security Income and Disability payments.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions or concerns. My contact numbers are 503-879-2253 or toll-free 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2253.

Respectfully,
 Jolanda Catabay
 Enrollment Member Services Specialist
 Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Royalty seeking past members

Previous Grand Ronde Royalty queens and princesses are being sought as the current Royalty Court is trying to compile a picture and biography collection of current and past Royalty for the Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center.

"It would be great to have any past pictures and dates that you were on Royalty Court, as well as a short bio of who you are," said Royalty Coordinator Jackie Manyhides.

Please contact Manyhides at 406-450-2917 or through e-mail at jackie-manyhides@gmail.com. Letters can be send it P.O. Box 419, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347. ■

Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

TAX TIME 2015
Portland Office
Doris Rose CPA PC
 Will be returning to the PAO on
 Feb. 11, Feb. 25 and March 11
9 a.m. - Noon
 To schedule your appointment,
 call 503-293-4128

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General Council meeting
 Sunday, Feb. 1 — 11 a.m.
 Tribal Community Center

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<u>DEADLINE DATE</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
Tuesday, Jan. 21	Feb. 1
Thursday, Feb. 6	Feb. 15
Friday, Feb 21	March 1

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