

**NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings**  
**DATE** **TIME**  
 Wednesday, Feb. 17.....4 p.m.  
*Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.*

## Letters

**Dear Smoke Signals:**  
 Most important is I want to thank the Tribe for weathering the economic downturn and the wonderful per capita in December. That takes leadership!  
 The greyhound park purchase sounds like a good investment. Again I would say that takes leadership. MicroGREEN didn't turn out so well, but we are moving forward.  
 Next, I want to say because the Tribe is doing well with the Constitution and rules that we have now, I would like to be very cautious in any change that would lessen the number of people required to make any significant change. Any change proposed for a vote I would like to see clearly presented. That is why I voted for the agency to administer our votes.  
 I also would echo Rex D. Haller's letter in the Jan. 1 issue. Haller says, "When leaders push for the membership to vote on bundled enrollment proposals, I do have to question the reasoning behind it. Why not just make it easy and separate matters?"  
 We are not the federal government where they put all kinds of issues on a bill. We can take the time and separate issues. I don't care for "bundling" when candidates for Tribal Council do it. I believe it is better to evaluate each candidate on their qualifications not just because they are friends with someone else running. The same goes for issues.  
 Thank you for a platform to express my opinion. Best wishes for good health and prosperity to all Tribal members and Tribal staff for this new year.

**Judith Pettibone**  
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### LIHEAP program available

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which helps pay heating bills, is now available for eligible Tribal members in the six-county service area and Clackamas County.

LIHEAP is a first-come, first-served program and income criteria applies.

For more information, contact Social Services Department Administrative Assistant Tammy Garrison at 503-879-2077 or [tammy.garrison@grandronde.org](mailto:tammy.garrison@grandronde.org). ■

### Need something notarized?

Tribal Court staff is available at no charge for notaries 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with the exception of noon to 1 p.m.

Please be sure to bring a photo ID with you.

If you have any questions, contact the court at 503-879-2303. ■



## Free Playgroup in Grand Ronde!





**When:** Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month 10:00 am-11:30 am

**Where:** CTGR – Community Service Center 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347

**Who:** Parents and caregivers of children under 5 years.

**Why:** Come to play, have a snack and have fun!

## General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, March 6

Tribal Community Center

# Smoke Signals

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DEADLINE DATE	ISSUE DATE
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Monday, March 7 .....	March 15
Monday, March 21 .....	April 1

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