

**NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings**  
**DATE** **TIME**  
 Wednesday, Dec. 14.....4 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Dec. 28.....4 p.m.  
*Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.*

**Correction** — *Smoke Signals* incorrectly reported the year that Tribal member Cheyanne Fasana served a three-week internship at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City in the Nov. 15 edition. The correct year was 2013. *Smoke Signals* regrets the error.

**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, 2017, in observance of New Year's Day.



**COME TO HEAR ABOUT THE PROPOSED Grand Ronde Tribal Telecom FASTER INTERNET SERVICE FOR LESS MONEY. DOES THIS SOUND GOOD TO YOU?**  
**Monday, Dec. 5 6 PM @ the Tribal Gymnasium**

Our Grand Ronde Tribe is considering launching our own telecom company to offer internet and telephone service. A number of tribal nations around the country, including Oregon, manage their own telecom companies and offer their tribal members much faster broadband internet and better telephone service and at better rates than the outside providers. Could Grand Ronde do the same?

**BETTER, FASTER, CHEAPER...**  
 Come to a Community Meeting, on Monday, Dec. 5, 6 p.m. at the Gym for a discussion of this potential tribal venture. Share a meal together and find out what we are thinking about doing....

- What would a telecom enterprise for Grand Ronde provide?
- How it would work?
- Really, can it cost less?

Also, come hear about the work of the Telecommunications Planning Committee

- The Needs Assessment and Strategic plan for tribal telecommunications
- How other Tribal Nations have benefited from creating their own telecommunications company

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**  
 In order to get the best information to make the best decisions, we need your help. During this meeting, we will have a brief on-line survey available for you to take. The survey will give us valuable information about the needs and desires of our Grand Ronde community, what you think of your current services and what improvements you'd like to see.

Meal Provided  
 Please RSVP to [TPC@GrandRonde.org](mailto:TPC@GrandRonde.org).  
 We need to plan for enough food for all!



**Tribal Council Christmas Party**  
**Dec. 4, 2016**  
 @ the Tribal Gym

- Following the General Council Meeting
- Visits with Santa from 11 a.m.-noon
- Meal at 1 p.m.
- Lord's Prayer
- Meals Served
- Door Prizes during meal
- Children singing

After children sing go to concession stand to receive a Tribal Council gift

- Return to gym to receive candy from Elders

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**General Council meeting**  
**10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 4**  
**Tribal Community Center**

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