

General Council meeting

10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 5

Tribal gymnasium

2018 draft budget presentation

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Nov. 1.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 15.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 29.....	4 p.m.

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

Letters

Dear *Smoke Signals*:

As Thanksgiving 2017 approaches, I wanted to tell the Tribe how grateful I am and how fortunate I feel for being a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

I am thankful for all our ancestors who endured hardship upon hardship to survive. There was a picture in *Smoke Signals* around 2003 of a Native woman with a huge bundle of sticks walking down a street and the townspeople were all looking at her with derision. That picture really struck a chord: I know she endured for all of us.

I am thankful to the ones who stayed and kept it all together after Termination. Restoration found us ready with a plan to success. I am grateful to all the Tribal Councils that have helped build a foundation for health care, casino dividends, education opportunities, and Elders' pension and more.

And not to forget all the wonderful people who work to administer the Tribal programs. Good health to all of you.

So, thank you.

Judith Pettibone

Roll No. 717

achaf-hammi turns 7



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Grand Ronde Canoe Family member Cristina Lara sings as she holds her niece Eva Rose Jurado during the birthday celebration for achaf-hammi, the Tribal plankhouse, on Saturday, Oct. 21. About 200 people attended the celebration for the plankhouse that turned 7 years old. There was a dinner and in addition to the Canoe Family performing protocol, the Suquamish singers, Francis James representing the Stó:lō Nation from Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada, and Carlos Calica from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs also performed.

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Veterans Day meal set for Nov. 11

The annual Veterans Day meal for all veterans who wish to attend will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Tribal Community Center. The doors open at 5 p.m. with a meal being served at 6 p.m.

The meal is sponsored by the Tribe's Veterans Special Event Board.

Veterans SEB Chairman Steve Bobb Sr. said there will be raffles and a guest speaker at this year's event. ■

Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closed on Friday, Nov. 10, in observance of Veterans Day and closed Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 22-24, in observance of Tribal Restoration Day and Thanksgiving.

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