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#### January

- Sunday, Jan. 3 General Council meeting, 11 a.m., using the Zoom teleconferencing program.
- Wednesday, Jan. 13 Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Monday, Jan. 18 Tribal offices closed in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.
- Wednesday, Jan. 27 Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

#### **February**

- Sunday, Feb. 7 General Council meeting, 11 a.m., using the Zoom teleconferencing program.
- Wednesday, Feb. 10 Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Monday, Feb. 15 Tribal offices closed in observance of Tribal Chiefs' Day holiday.
- Wednesday, Feb. 24 Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304

(Editor's note: All events are tentative depending on the status of the Tribe's COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic response.)

## LIHEAP program open in service area

The Tribal Social Service's LIHEAP – Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program – is open to eligible Tribal members in the six-county service area and Clackamas County.

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

LIHEAP is federally funded through the Department of Health and Human Services and is designed to help low-income households with home heating costs.

For more information, contact Social Services at 503-879-2034.

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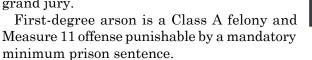
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## Arson suspect's trial set for Feb. 3

OREGON CITY— The trial for the man suspected of setting the Grand Ronde Tribe's Blue Heron property on fire on Dec. 5 is tentatively set for Wednesday, Feb. 3.

Enrique Omar Mejia, 29, has been indicted on one count each of first-degree arson, second-degree arson, second-degree burglary, second-degree criminal trespass and second-degree disorderly conduct by a Clackamas County grand jury.





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**Enrique Omar Mejia** 

Mejia allegedly placed 18 people in "danger of physical injury," according to the indictment.

He remains in the Clackamas County Jail in Oregon City on \$100,000 bail. He was denied a conditional release by Circuit Court Judge Susie Norby because he had a previous failure to appear, the serious felony charge, having previous adult convictions and being unemployed. ■

#### ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS ON THE TRIBAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)/DISABILITY (SSD) & MEDICARE PART B REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS

It's time to send us a copy of your "2021" Social Security award letter \*If you haven't received your "2021" Social Security award letter yet, please contact the Social Security Administration (SSA) at 1-800-772-1213 or online at www.ssa.gov \*Your "2021" SSA award must reach our office by **5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, 2021,** to avoid future delays in your benefits.

Please send a copy of your "2021" SSA letter to: CTGR Member Services Attn: Shannon Simi 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347 E-mail: Shannon.simi@grandronde.org – Fax: 503-879-2480 – Phone: 503-879-1358 or 1-800-242-0232, ext. 1358

**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 submit your annual SSA letter and/or notify the Tribe of any changes may result in an obligation to repay ineligible benefits received and/or interrupt or delay your Tribal Supplemental Security Income & Disability payments and Medicare Part B reimbursements.

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## INDIGENT DEFENSE PROGRAM

The Tribal Court is actively seeking attorneys for our Indigent Defense Program to represent parents and children involved in neglect and abuse cases within the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court.

If interested please contact the Tribal Court:

Shane Thomas Tribal Court Programs Coordinator

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