

Letter to the editor

Editor,

Re: 1997 Grand Ronde Pow-wow

It was a wonderful Pow-wow and I have thanked many people who made this year's event so great. I would like to acknowledge the MC — Roy Track. There were difficulties with the sound system, but coping with difficulties is nothing new to Indian people. Also, thank you to the people who were invited to give us the invocation as each session began. These are essential elements of the ceremony and enjoyment for our social and spiritual Pow-wow. From the Tiny Tots to the Golden-Age participants, we are blessed as tribal people.

Thanks also to those who prepared and served the food. Thank you to the Fun Run team and participants. Thanks to the volleyball crew and participants. And appreciation is also given to the parade workers and participants. If anyone who participated in any way is forgotten, at this time I will acknowledge you were a welcome part of the 1997 Grand Ronde Pow-wow.

Sincerely,
Claudette Parazoo
Tillicum #2923

Funeral gratitude

Thank you to the ladies that helped with the dinner for Sheryl McKnight's funeral, especially Val Grout. Sincerely grateful from the McKnight family

Tribal member passes away



Tribal member **JOHN "SONNY" MARTIN ALLEN, JR.**, 52, of Warm Springs passed away on September 3 at St. Charles Medical Center.

John was born to Cordelia and John Allen on September 14, 1944. He was a lifetime resident of Warm Springs, and worked for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs as a paralegal. Before that, he worked for Warm Springs Forest Products. John spent a short time in the United States Navy, attended ballet school in Portland, and appeared in the movie "Tonka," which was filmed in Warm Springs. Some of John's hobbies included beadworking, cooking, and dancing.

John is survived by his mother, Cordelia Tom Allen of Warm Springs; brothers Stan Kneeland of Warm Springs and Tim Kneeland of Dallas, Or.; sisters Pauline Allen, Patricia Allen, and Deborah Scott, all of Warm Springs; and Cheryle Kennedy and Cecile Kneeland of Dallas, Or.

A dressing ceremony was held September 5 at the Bel-air Chapel in Madras, Oregon, and funeral services were held on September 6 at Agency Longhouse. Burial was held at the Lower Seekseekqua Cemetery.

MOVE UPDATE: CHS and Medical Clinic

As you all know we are nearing the completion of the new Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Health and Wellness Center. **The expected opening date of the new center is set for SEPTEMBER 29, 1997.** Many departments are preparing to make the move into the new building, so please be patient with us! You may experience some phone difficulties during this time, but we will try to make it as easy as possible on everyone.

PLEASE READ THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

TRIBAL MEDICAL CLINIC
will be closed from Sept. 22 through Sept. 26

TRIBAL DENTAL CLINIC
will be closed from Sept. 12 through Sept. 26

MENTAL HEALTH
will be closed from Sept. 22 through Sept. 26

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY
will be closed from Sept. 22 through Sept. 26

CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES

Eligible Members: We will not be closed! If you need to be seen by a doctor during the Medical or Dental Clinic shut down time, Contract Health will be authorizing eligible tribal members to go elsewhere. If you are unable to reach Contract Health immediately by phone, **please leave us a message! We will return your call!**

If you don't hear from either Julie, Penny, or Teri, please call again. You may experience some phone difficulties, so please keep trying. Contract Health urges you to use an urgent care center rather than an emergency room if at all possible. If you can call in advance for any doctor appointments needing authorization, please do so before the week of September 22.

All the departments apologize for any inconveniences this move may cause you. **If you have any questions, please call Contract Health, Tribal Medical Clinic, or the Dental Clinic at 1-800-775-0095.**

**ALL TRIBAL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
TO HONOR NATIONAL INDIAN DAY.**

TRIBAL OFFICES TO BE MOVED IN SEPTEMBER

A majority of the tribal services will be disrupted during the month of September. Please be patient, as a lot of staff will be moving their offices while still providing services. The main Tribal Headquarters, which includes administration and tribal government, will be moving their modular offices to make room for the new clinic parking lot. In addition, staff will be moving into the new Clinic.

Watch Grand Meadows

The time is fast approaching for the first home to appear at Grand Meadows! Of the 37 lots, most have been reserved with the exception of two Elder lots and four lots in the family section which still remain available. The new residents of Grand Meadows are busy selecting their new manufactured homes and planning their landscaping. Keep watching Grand Meadows over the next few months as it unfolds into the first development of homes for the Grand Ronde Tribe.

Although there are still a few lots available, no new applications will be processed in the next few months.

In order to avoid delays and/or expenses in the installation of homes during the winter weather, we will wait until late winter to process any applications for the remaining lots.

TO BE PLACED ON A WAITING LIST, OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL BRYAN LANGLEY AT 1-800-422-0232, EXT. 2467 OR 879-2467.



Grand Ronde
Tribal Housing Authority

SMOKE SIGNALS
DEADLINES

DEADLINE	ISSUE DATE
Friday, September 19	October 1st
Monday, October 6	October 15th
Monday, October 20	November 1st
Wednesday, November 5	November 15th
Tuesday, November 18	December 1st
Friday, December 5	December 15th

Submissions **MUST** reach the *Smoke Signals* office **BY THE DEADLINE DATE.**

SMOKE SIGNALS

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