

Dear Editor:

First, we would like to thank the Editor and staff for putting out an informative newspaper. We enjoy and look forward to getting ours. Thank you!

Second, we would like to take this opportunity to ask that the Tribal Council vote to appoint a representative in Central Oregon (Prineville, Burns, Bend, Redmond, Lapine, etc.) as liaison to the Council with our needs and concerns. Also, we need to add Central Oregon to the Ten-County Area for assistance. We have a lot of Elders here who are in need. Possibly, we can help this representative in organizing a group to help the Elders in need here. To hold meetings and get an accounting of our members here. We have a lot of ideas to share and would like to have our own representative.

Third, I purchased a home through the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs approximately 16 years ago and neither myself nor my wife is educated in fixed verse variable rates. At the time of application neither the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs or the lender explained this to us. I am not proud to say I have a limited education and this has really hurt me financially. I purchased this house for \$38,000. At 16 years of payments at a variable rate increase, I still owe \$30,000. If I had been informed at the time of purchase, I would have chosen the fixed rate and would probably have had my home paid for or close to paid off by now. I would like to hear from other veterans who may have had the same thing happen to them.

In closing, I would be interested in hearing from members in the Central Oregon area with your ideas on this letter.

Sincerely,

**Robert E. Rife**, Roll # 1151

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Dear Editor:

I enjoy getting the "used to be" *Smoke Signals*.

I don't care what other people outside of the Tribe think. They are jealous of who and what we are. If we let other people dictate to us, then we are no better than them.

And as far as Tribal Council making the decision for us, that was wrong. We have our own minds, and can speak our minds.

I am constantly hearing about the Tribal Council members saying we are all one. It's things like this that make that statement untrue.

We need to have respect for all tribal members feelings. We can speak for ourselves, so give us a chance.

The only time tribal members hear about stuff is when it is done and put in the paper. Then you have a whole bunch of angry tribal members. I am one of many.

**Donna Morris**

Roll # 1363

To whom it may concern:

The name change of the tribal newsletter from "Smoke Signals" to "Grand Ronde Review" will not improve the quality of information it contains. Changes other than the name change will improve the quality.

The original tribal newsletter began in 1974 in the office of a Salem-based C.E.T.A. program, and shortly thereafter was named "Smoke Signals." This small newsletter carried information to tribal members, organizations, and local, state and federal agencies.

Changing the name after 24 years is losing a part of the Tribe's history and is an injustice to the many people involved in the twelve year journey that ended with the Restoration of the Tribe.

I firmly believe that the "Grand Ronde Review" should revert back to its original title of "Smoke Signals," the first and only newsletter of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

**Marvin Kimsey**

Roll # 334

Dear Editor:

I was very disappointed a few months ago to see the name of the *Smoke Signals* changed to *The Grand Ronde Review*. The name "Smoke Signals" is a name we all associated and linked with the Tribe, even when we were trying to get restored to tribal status. We waited for those copies of the *Smoke Signals* to arrive at our homes so that we could know how the Restoration effort was moving along. At times we could hardly read the paper when we got it because it was done on an old mimeograph machine and the ink was hardly visible but it was still very important to us and we knew there was no money for better equipment.

After the Tribe was restored and I was hired as a Nurse's Assistant in the health program, I would do home visits with tribal Elders in the surrounding areas and I would see stacks of copies of *Smoke Signals* sitting neatly on tables. The Elders would talk about how important the paper was to them and they would ask me questions about how the tribal programs were growing and if they recognized a name or face in the paper, they wanted to know about family connections.

In my opinion, the "Smoke Signals" is a tribal tradition and it is the link that held us together, no matter where we lived. I would like to see the tribal newsletter name revert back to "Smoke Signals."

Respectfully submitted,

**Bonnie Martin-Tom**

Roll # 534

Fellow tribal members:

I would like to respond to the request for suggestions for a name for our tribal community paper. I must admit, I was disappointed at the name change without notification, or any say in the matter. I am compelled to express my feelings and opinion on this issue.

Let me say that our culture and heritage is a very important part of the life of my children and myself, and our household. We take pride in our history, and are proud to express our beliefs whenever, and wherever we can.

Two hundred years ago, our forefathers felt the need to exchange news and ideas just as we do now. Of course, technology has made this task much easier, but the end result is still the same. When spreading news or information, a runner was dispatched from each encampment, and tribe to tribe. Only the strongest and fastest tribal members were chosen for this great honor, and they took great pride in their task. For the most part, these individuals were treated with great respect and dignity.

For these reasons, I respectfully suggest that the newspaper be renamed *The Runner*. I believe this name is simple, and reflects the spirit in which the exchange of news and information was passed throughout the local Native communities. I believe it is extremely important to retain as much of our Native roots as we possibly can, for ourselves, our children, and our future. Thank you all for your time.

Sincerely,

**Mel Schultz**

Roll # 1401

## DEADLINE CHANGE

Due to our printing and mailing schedule during the Thanksgiving holiday week, we will have one deadline for the month of November.

For both the November 15 and December 1 issues please have submissions into the newspaper office by THURSDAY, NOV. 5.

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## NAME CHANGE SURVEY

TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY: please take time to cast your vote.

One vote per tribal member over 18 years of age.

- Grand Ronde Review
- Grand Ronde Tribal Review
- Grand Ronde Native Review
- Five Feathers News
- Grand Ronde Tribal News
- Smoke Signals
- I have no preference
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please include your Roll Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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