

SMOKE SIGNALS

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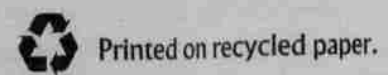
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UPCOMING DEADLINES

DEADLINE	ISSUE DATE
Jan. 20	FEBRUARY 1
Feb. 5	FEBRUARY 15
Feb. 19	MARCH 1
March 5	MARCH 15
March 22	APRIL 1
April 5	APRIL 15
April 20	MAY 1
May 5	MAY 15
May 20	JUNE 1
June 4	JUNE 15
June 21	JULY 1

Submissions must reach the **SMOKE SIGNALS** office by the dates listed.



Letters

Dear Editor:
We would like to take this time to say thank you for all the support our family, friends, Tribal Council, tribal staff and Dr. Molloy showed during our son Jasper Lillard's stay in the hospital.
We would like to let you all know he is home and doing great.
God bless you all,
Butch (Wayne) & Marla Lillard
and family

Dear membership,
We would like to thank everyone for their love and support shown to our family during this past month. We lost a Mom, Grandma, Great-Grandma, Great Great-Grandma, Aunt, and a very dear friend to many when Velma passed on December 13, 1998.
Special thanks to Val Grout, Janell Haller, Lisa Adams, Lindy Trolan, Tracy Dugan, Darlene Aaron, Bonnie Tom, Marion Mercier, Jill Jeffers, and Barbara Lake for their assistance with the Potluck following the services. The food was great and everyone worked so hard. Again, thank you. Our whole family is very grateful. If we have not mentioned someone who helped, please forgive the oversight.
Harold (Gramp)
Dean and Chris
Harold and Shari
Cheryl and Bill
Jackie and Rob
and all our kids and grandkids

Community News...

Free Homebuyer Education Seminar

If you are interested in learning more about the steps you need to take in order to purchase your own home, the Grand Ronde Housing Authority is offering a three-hour seminar to outline some of the procedures. You will learn about credit reports, financing, and whether you may be a candidate for homeownership. The seminar will be held **Thursday, January 21** from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Tribal Community Center. For more information and pre-registration, please contact Bryan Langley at (503) 879-2467 or 1-800-422-0232.

Food Bank plan to be discussed

The Polk County Service Integration Team will be hosting a Grand Ronde Community Meeting to discuss the development of a Food Bank for low income people.
Discussion to include:
☐ Is a Food Bank needed?
☐ What area should it serve?
☐ Should other services be provided?
☐ Where should it be located?
☐ Should a building be built or utilize existing space?
☐ Is existing space available?
☐ How often should it be open or available?
☐ Who would be interested in helping to develop the Food Bank?
☐ Other Food Bank issues?
Anyone interested in any way is welcome to attend on **Thursday, January 21**, starting at 4:30 p.m. at Grand Ronde Elementary School. A light supper will be served.
If you have any questions, please call Annette Morgan, Community Partnership Team, at 472-1230.

Storytellers needed

Orlo, a 501(c) non-profit organization that explores environmental issues through the creative arts, will hire up to three storytellers who will make presentations to schools along the Willamette River during the Spring of 1999.
These storytellers are needed for Orlo's "We All Live Downstream" Annual Road Show and must be available to travel from **April 16-May 24, 1999**. Road show storytellers will present assemblies and workshops at 20 elementary schools.
Please visit the Orlo website at www.orlo.com or call (503) 242-2330 for more information. Selected storytellers will be given a five-week base salary of \$1,400. If you are a storyteller, this is an opportunity to get involved in a very important educational project!

Notice of Public Hearing:
Indian Education Grant
A Public Hearing to discuss the 1999-2000 Title IX Indian Education Grant for the Willamina School District will be held on **Tuesday, January 19** at 5:30 p.m. at the Grand Ronde Elementary School. Parents of Native American students and interested community members are urged to attend this hearing.

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Bid announcement:
Road maintenance
The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Natural Resources Division is accepting bid proposals for a two-year Road Maintenance Services Contract. The work will be performed on an on-call, as-needed basis. Road maintenance work will typically occur in a forested setting and consist of the following activities:
■ Road-side brushing using a mechanical brush cutter.
■ Grading and shaping roads using a motorized grader.
■ Hauling and spreading patch rock using a loader, dump-truck, and grader.
■ Clearing culverts, ditch lines, and road banks of debris using a backhoe and loader.
Sealed bids will be accepted until 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 2, 1999.
The Natural Resources Division reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive technical defects in bidding, or negotiate with any unsuccessful bidder if no bid is awarded. For further information, contact Jeff Kuust, Logging and Transportation Coordinator, at (503) 879-2379 or 1-800-422-0232.