

## Letters

### Letter of Thanks:

First, I would like to thank Louise Coulson for nominating me for Tribal Council and a special thanks to all of those that supported me.

Even though I was not elected, your vote was very important to me.

I congratulate those that were elected and I will continue to support the Council.

I would also like to express my displeasure with the flier that was mailed which had names marked for vote and others marked out.

Some had my name marked to vote for, this was done without my knowledge or consent.

**Orrin "Bud" White**  
Roll # 850

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# Meet Grand Ronde's newest deputies

■ Through assistance from the Tribe, and an agreement with Polk County Sheriff's Office, local residents can feel even more secure. The newcomers join sheriff deputies Tom O'Brien and Eric Shepherd to patrol Grand Ronde around the clock.



Lonnie Ashley (left) and Kevin Haynes

Photo by Kim Mueller

### In Loving Memory

## Jayne Mercier Resendez 1954-1999

A funeral for Jayne Mercier Resendez of McMinnville was held on August 28. Jayne died August 23 in her home, at age 45.

Jayne was born August 16, 1954, in McMinnville, the daughter of Eugene and Violet Johnson Charles. She was raised and educated in Willamina. She lived in Grand Ronde from 1972 until 1998, when she moved to McMinnville. Jayne married Benjamin Resendez on July 23, 1994.

Jayne worked as a property manager for many years and had also worked at Roth's grocery store. She enjoyed glass etching and beading.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Toni Mercier of Willamina; a son, Tyson Mercier of Grand Ronde; her mother, Violet Myers of McMinnville; two sisters, Connie Mercier of Grand Ronde and Jean Vollman of Willamina; one grandchild; and a stepfather.



## Many Thanks for Support

This is hard to put into words to thank everyone within the Casino and my adopted family the "Cage." These past weeks have meant so much to me; to be able to take off work and spend the last remaining days with my younger sister before her death, being able to be with my older sister during and after her surgery and to see she was okay while she was in the hospital and most important, being sure our mother was okay.

It has been a very busy two weeks for me, but I would have never had the opportunity if it hadn't been for where I work. The swing supervisors in the Cage have been wonderful; I can't even begin to say enough about them.

To praise my niece would take a book, but thanks to Toni Mercier, for all she had to do and go through for her mother; she is a very, very special person to me.

With my sisters faith she defied everything all the doctors and nurses said, she lasted a lot longer than expected which was a blessing for all of us, but now we know she is with our dad, other sister and God. I know she is in a much better place.

Thanks to the Cage and Cage Cashiers for the prayers, beautiful flowers and cards given to my family and me.

Thank you so much,

**Jean M. Vollman**  
Swing Cage Cashier

## To all Friends and Relatives of Jayne C. Mercier Resendez

We send our most sincere thanks and appreciation for the loving comfort and support given to us during the illness and passing away of our Jayne.

Your cards and flowers were very meaningful and your presence at her service helped us to know others shared our loss.

Thank you from the family,

**Benjamin Resendez**      **Toni and Tyson Mercier**  
**Fernando Resendez**      **Richard and Violet Myers**  
**Connie Mercier**            **Jean M. Vollman**

### DEPUTY LONNIE ASHLEY

Hired two months ago, Lonnie Ashley is settling into the Grand Ronde Sheriff substation very well. "I wanted my life to count," he says, "I had a desire to change things. Now, I'd like to see an accountability in people, I'd like to see kids put first, and to help in any way I can to keep families together. I just want to be as effective as I can, always looking for things that aren't right to see if I can help."

The young deputy from Albany has worked in Monmouth for the last 3½ years. He likes the new work area, he says. "I was looking forward to working in a community, having the opportunity to get to know people and to see people every week and make some friends."

Ashley works the night shift and says, "Working nights there is not too many calls, so I drive down streets and look for anything that's not right. I try to slow everyone down on the highway and to look for drunk drivers."

For Ashley, the four man team here in Grand Ronde allows him to build something permanent. "I like it, it's a bit slower, so there's enough time to be proactive instead of reactive. We can stop crime before it ever starts, by getting to know people who are committing crimes. I'm really big on stopping and talking to people."

In just two months, Ashley has found Grand Ronde a very welcoming community. "I've got people stopping and waving and wanting to know how my day is going. It's real nice to have that support."

### DEPUTY KEVIN HAYNES

Kevin Haynes is in his tenth year of community police work. August 1 he started duty at Grand Ronde, a part of the Tribe's efforts to better protect and serve the area. Originally from northeast Washington, near Walla Walla, Haynes has "always had a philosophy that went along with the community policing. Getting to know the people, building relationships..."

Haynes has worked as a DARE instructor for the last five years and also ran a canine unit. He hopes to be able to participate in the DARE programs in Polk County. While Haynes has never worked on or near reservation lands before, he says "I like the type of area, and the sense of family and community. Everyone has been super nice and very supportive and friendly. I'm happy to be here. This is the kind of place you get to mesh with people. A guy who is working traffic out on the highway all the time, nobody's ever gonna see into his life and he won't see into the lives of those people."

Haynes and his wife have four children. He believes that a community like Grand Ronde allows him to gain compliance without having to resort to writing a ticket the first time, since he is likely to see that person again.

**Grand Ronde Sheriff Substation**  
Non-emergency phone number: 879-2420  
In the event of an emergency, dial 911