

LETTERS

Dear Tribal members,
I appreciated the article in the *Smoke Signals* on Elder Abuse. I had been considering writing to *Smoke Signals* to encourage everyone to remember their Elders.

Tribal Elder benefits can be set up in a Trust account to use to give comfort and joy to the Elder. The state I live in doesn't consider Tribal Elder Benefits as income and would not affect the benefits or financial aid given by the state.

The money in the Trust account could be used to buy flowers, a gift, a special meal. May be a nice hairdo with a massage to their tired head. Lunch downtown, or a trip to the zoo. Anything you can possibly think of that would bring them delight. No matter what the condition is you can always do something to ease the process of old age.

Elder Abuse? Yes, it happens. Make sure it isn't happening to your Elders. Do you know how your Elder is being cared for? Are you sure that they are receiving all the benefits due them, Tribal or otherwise? Are the benefits being used for their pleasure and care?

Now it is too late for my mother to be alert enough to get pleasure from smelling flowers. Too late to feel a velvet robe so soft next to her skin, to feel the tingle of a shampoo or hairdo. Too late to experience the warmth of the sun and the roar of a tiger at the zoo. No nice meal downtown, now she needs a protein shake that has to be held to her mouth for an involuntary action that causes her to swallow the nutrition.

Give your Elder a big hug and take them to lunch. Don't wait until they need you to feed them a protein shake so they can live in a world of their own another day.

Kandee K. Bradshaw
Roll # 3138

Dear Editor,

I have a great concern about the Tribe letting the public know of each and every time Tribal members are awarded any financial benefit. I know people that don't understand the benefits we receive.

I believe we should be able to have some privacy about what our Tribal members receive.

In my case, I'm going through a divorce, and my husband only uses this information against me.

Beside myself there are other members who are taken advantage of in many different ways.

People know when we receive benefits and also the amount.

Please let us have some privacy. If needed let us take a vote on if we want this to be revealed to the public or not.

The public doesn't tell us when they get awarded monies or a raise in pay.

A concerned Tribal Elder,
Sharon (Langley) Goettsch
Roll # 410

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful individuals who helped me along the way as I received my Masters degree in history from Utah State University this past month. Many thanks to the education staff at Grand Ronde, my mother Marta Parazoo-Clifford, my father Ron O'Neal, my friends in the USU history department and all my extended family for showering me with love. Especially to my ancestors, without whom this opportunity would of never been possible. I hope that I can carry on their important legacy.

Thanks,
Jennifer Rose O'Neal
Roll # 4050

To the Editor,

I want to publicly thank Kathryn Harrison for her outstanding leadership. She has lead our Tribe through exciting times. Her vision and hard work has benefited all of us. She has always been such a great representative of our Tribe. I have always been proud when she is introduced as our Tribal leader.

She has set a high standard and created big shoes to fill. She has a great example for every young Tribal member to follow.

Her work and leadership will be recognized and honored forever.

Thank you Kathryn Harrison and enjoy a great retirement.

Bill Williams
Roll # 2748

To the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde,

The Tribe has been so helpful with my family and me. When my son was seriously hurt in a car accident last year the medical department kicked in and helped big time with the bills. My son is doing well now and he was even able to graduate with his class. Then he wanted to buy a house and there was the grant program that is really a blessing. We have been through a very cold winter in our new home here in Iowa and it was absolutely awesome. It was the best sight to see when I looked out the window and saw all the beauty snow can bring, right on our own land. For these things I thank you with all my heart.

I am hoping I can impose one more time and ask for what I hope, is an easier favor. My mare foaled in April; we have a beautiful little paint Philly. She was born at sunrise so this is the name I have given her. What I was hoping I could get help with, is to find what the Indian word is for sunrise, in our Tribes, this is what she will be called.

All my thanks.
Sincerely yours,
Christine Trump
Roll # 3693

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EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE NOTICE

Tribal members needing emergency assistance from JUNE 18-JULY 20 are encouraged to utilize their Member Benefit Fund Distribution money first. The Social Services department will freeze funds from their Emergency Assistance program, the Benevolence Fund and the General Assistance program from June 18-July 20.

CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND

— PUBLIC REVIEW —
Wednesday, June 20
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Before & After School Modular
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Questions call Vikki Bishop at 503-879-2287.

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