

Letters

On behalf of my family, my stepdad Dennis Noyes, husband Rob, sister and brother in-law Cheryl and Bill Carl, brother and (same as) sister in-law Shari, and brother Pete Mooney, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank so many people for the kindness and consideration they've shown to us since my Mom, Jerry Noyes passed away on January 16, 2001.

Thank you to all my friends at work who continually updated people on Mom's progress and were there for me every minute when things didn't turn out as we'd hoped and still continue to be. Thank you to Val Grout, Penny DeLoe, Carol Nelson, Janell Haller, Sharon Grout, Violet & Dick Zimbrick, Connie Graves, Bob McElderry, Shelly Kent, Liz Leno, Angie Fasana, Katrina Herber, Marion Mercier, Gloria Engleson, Kim Mueller, Barbara Lake, Lindy Trolan, Cheri Butler and Tina Dizick for all you did to feed those that stopped by after Mom's service.

Finally, thank you Tony Johnson and June Olson for your understanding during the time I needed to be away from the office.

If you are lucky enough to still have your Mom with you, please tell her you love her and hug her often.

Jackie Whisler
Roll # 545

In deepest appreciation: Our father in a critically ill state, expressed his greatest wish would be to remarry his loving wife and soul mate of the last 55 years. We all thought this too be a nearly impossible task, due to his extremely poor health.

After hearing his wishes, we got in contact with Angela Fasana at the Tribal court. Well, we'll just say we think Angela should shorten her name to Angel because she went above and beyond what any of us could of expected. Within a span of no more than 36 hours, they were married at his bedside, on our Mother's birthday, in front of a small gathering of friends and family. The entire family of Bill and Betty Rife, would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Angela for bringing it all together, although words truly can't describe the gratitude and appreciation, we feel for her hard work and commitment to see his wish fulfilled.

Sincerely,
The Rife Family

THANK YOU ALL

Joyce Ham and family would like to extend our thanks to all friends and family for their kind words, prayers, flowers, gifts and cards in memory of Ila Dowd. We thank Connie, Carmen, and Mark Mercier for speaking at the rosary and funeral. We would also like to give Thanks to the drummers, Val Grout and everyone who assisted with the wonderful meal. Ila touched the lives of many, and we will greatly miss her love, kind heart, humor, friendship and knowledge.

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Open House — The Veterans' Memorial Ad Hoc Committee held an open house at their office in the old Depot Building just off of Grand Ronde Road. Pictured are Grand Ronde Tribal Elder, and Chairman of the Veterans' Committee and the Veterans' Memorial Ad Hoc Committee, Marce Norwest (center). Billie LaBonte (right) — the wife of Tribal member and Veteran Gene LaBonte is the Ad Hoc Committee's Veterans' Service Officer and Diane Cilenti (left) is the Yamhill County Veterans' Service Officer who works with the Tribal Veterans.

Attention Tribal Elders: Important Tax Info

The Member Services department has hired on a licensed tax accountant to assist Elders in their tax preparation needs. Starting February 1, 2002 Elders can call to schedule an appointment. This position will be located in the Tribal Governance Facility. Since this is a temporary position it is encouraged that Elders who need assistance with their tax preparation needs call right away for an appointment. When calling to make an appointment please call 503-879-1405 or 1-800-442-0232 ext. 1405. Remember this service will be available temporarily from February 1, 2002 through April 30, 2002. If you have any questions please contact Valorie Sheker-Robertson at 1-800-442-0346 x 2221.

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Wed., June 5	JUNE 15
Thurs., June 20	JULY 1
Fri., July 5	JULY 15
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Mon., August 5	AUGUST 15
Tue., August 20	SEPTEMBER 1
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Thurs., September 19	OCTOBER 1
Fri., October 4	OCTOBER 15
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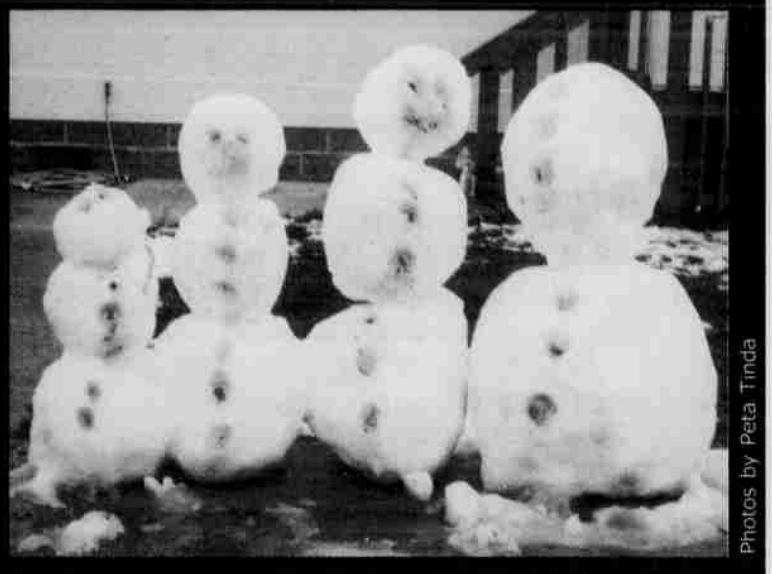
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Snow Play — Recent winter weather brought snow to the West Valley that covered Spirit Mountain (left) and just about everything else in Grand Ronde. The Reyes family in Grand Meadows took advantage of the snow to show their creative side by building these snowmen — although the picture doesn't do them justice as the sun had begun to melt the sculptures.



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