

## Letters

On behalf of myself and my family I want to thank everyone for all of the support you have given us during my health problems the last couple of months. Your support has given me the strength and determination to get through all of this as well as I possibly can. I thank God everyday for giving me more time here on earth.

I believe what I have learned from this is that we all need to take care of ourselves. That we need to give each other support. And to truly remember that we are all part of God's plan.

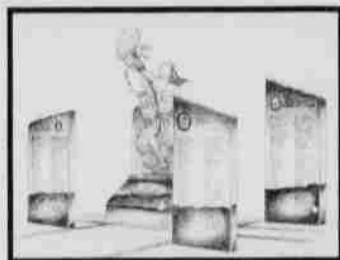
I am very thankful for all of your thoughts and prayers. I believe these prayers were answered. I would also hope that in the future, everyone could develop a style of caring for one another all the time in the same way you all have cared for me in my time of need. I believe one of the main purposes of being here on earth is to take care of each other.

Thank you all very much for being so thoughtful.

**Mike Larsen**  
Roll # 417

### Veterans' Memorial Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting

March 26 — 6:30 p.m.  
Community Center



### Ad-Hoc Committee Veterans' Services Office

 Old Depot Building  
8615 Grand Ronde Rd  
Grand Ronde  
503-879-4584

### Correction

Connie Mercier's name was misidentified in Frank Mercier's obituary. The staff apologizes for this error.

### Important information about ODS health program

When Member Services added Acupuncture, naturopathic and Massage Therapy there was a mix up in the benefit structure. Regrettably the Massage Therapy was not added, this was a mix up between ODS, our marketing consultant and myself. **Please do not use massage therapy as it will not be covered by ODS.** If any one has used this benefit please call Valorie Sheker-Robertson at 1-800-442-0346 so that I may assist you in seeking payment. Only the massage therapy was affected the Acupuncture, and Naturepathic and Chiropractic are still active and have not been affected. I'm sorry for any inconveniences this may have cause you.

### Preschool Head Start Chinuk Wawa Immersion Class Meeting: March 27, at the Community Center • 5:30PM

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"Let's work on strengthening our Chinuk Wawa (Jargon)."

Current and future parents of Grand Ronde Preschool Head Start students, as well as all other interested individuals, are encouraged to attend an information and planning meeting regarding the development of a Chinuk Wawa immersion classroom. The Tribe's language program received an Administration for Native American's grant last year to fund the revitalization of the Chinuk Wawa language. The grant focuses on creating a natural learning environment within a classroom designated for language learning. We need your help in planning and participation to assure the projects success. Please attend, a meal will be provided. If you have questions please contact Tony Johnson by phone 503-879-2084 or email [tony.johnson@grandronde.org](mailto:tony.johnson@grandronde.org).

### 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.

### Willamina Memorial Skate Park Fund Raiser

Now that the holidays are over we are resuming our fund raising efforts. A group of parents and children in the Willamina area have been attempting to raise money to build a skate park for the community. We are now and will be having a bottle/can drive. We are asking that community members donate their cans and bottles to our efforts. We will be stationed at the Willamina Thriftway on April 20 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for those of you who wish to drop off your donations, or we will be happy to pick them up at your convenience. Please contact Valorie Sheker-Robertson at 503-876-5442 or Christie Scholten at 503-876-5534. In advance we would like to thank all of you who have supported our efforts.



We would also like to mention that we are in the process of putting together a raffle. This raffle will include art from local artists and several other donated items. If you have an item or piece of art you would like to donate to our efforts please contact Valorie or Christie at the above numbers.

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Tue., March 5 .....	MARCH 15
Wed., March 20 .....	APRIL 1
Fri., April 5 .....	APRIL 15
Fri., April 19 .....	MAY 1
Fri., May 3 .....	MAY 15
Fri., May 17 .....	JUNE 1
Wed., June 5 .....	JUNE 15
Thurs., June 20 .....	JULY 1
Fri., July 5 .....	JULY 15
Fri., July 19 .....	AUGUST 1
Mon., August 5 .....	AUGUST 15
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Thurs., September 5 .....	SEPTEMBER 15
Thurs., September 19 .....	OCTOBER 1
Fri., October 4 .....	OCTOBER 15
Fri., October 18 .....	NOVEMBER 1
Tue., November 5 .....	NOVEMBER 15
Fri., November 15 .....	DECEMBER 1
Thurs., December 5 .....	DECEMBER 15
Mon., December 16 .....	JANUARY 1

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