

Letters

Dear *Smoke Signals*,

I am writing in regards to the mentorship program article published in the May 1, 2002 issue. I was very proud to see the vision my Tribe has foreseen in preserving the future of Tribal members to create self-sufficiency and to strive for a higher standard of living.

I encourage whoever is in a position to be a mentor to become one and to give a Tribal member an opportunity to raise their level of knowledge and self-esteem into a positive opportunity of rewards for both involved.

Not everyone wants to be the CEO, some may be content to do their job well and go home, but at least we now have a mentorship program that gives us either opportunity to strive for.

Thank you Tribal Council, (past and present) for your vision to improve the quality of life and opportunities for each and every Tribal member.

Sincerely,

Jon A. George
Gresham, Oregon
Roll #1631

Dear *Smoke Signals*,

I am writing you to thank the S.M.A.R.T. Program and Grand Ronde Elementary School for allowing me to spend an hour a week reading with the children. It has been a real pleasure and I am looking forward to returning again next year.

Thank you,

Gayle Herod
Spirit Mountain Lodge employee

May was National Foster Care Month, and we wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of our Tribal Foster Parents for the work they do caring for Tribal children and families in crisis heal.

Tribal foster families not only provide temporary homes, safety and nurturing to our children, but they also help birth families by ensuring that children can be safely reunited with them. When reunification is not possible, many of our families choose to continue to care for the children who have been placed in their homes, offering permanency and stability the children would otherwise not know.

Their commitment leaves an indelible mark on generations to come. They are helping to end cycles of neglect, abuse or drug addiction and are often helping a child be the first in his or her family to finish high school or even go to college. Children leave their homes knowing there are many other paths in life than what they've known.

Thank you to Tribal Foster Parents for sharing your family and your home, giving love, encouragement and hope to children and families in need.

If you are interested in being a foster parent for the Tribe's Foster Care Program, place call recruitment at 503-879-2039 for your foster care packet.

Going away —

Tribal Chair Cheryle Kennedy gives a Pendleton blanket to Tribal member Pam Warren at her farwell party. Warren worked for the Tribe's Social Services department for many years.



Photo by Kimberly Campbell

Health & Wellness Now Has Acupuncturist

Dale Freeman, L.Ac, Acupuncturist is now working at the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center, Monday and Wednesday 8-12 and 1-5.

At this time, appointments are available for Native Americans only. To make an appointment call 800-775-0095 ext. 4525 or 503-879-4525.

Grand Ronde Gaming Commission

The Grand Ronde Gaming Commission is seeking a qualified non-Tribal member to fill an upcoming vacancy. The Tribal Gaming Ordinance requires this position to be filled by a non-Tribal member with the following qualifications:

- At least 21 years of age.
- At least 10 years of accounting experience, OR a bachelor's degree in accounting or related field and at least five years of accounting experience.
- Successful completion of a background investigation.

The position is a 3-year term expiring in June of 2005. Commissioners may not hold elective or managerial Tribal positions, and may not be employed in or own any interest in or gamble in a gaming operation authorized by the Tribal Gaming Ordinance. Commissioners are independent contractors and expend approximately 40 hours per month to fulfill their responsibilities. The Commission generally meets on the first and third Fridays of each month. Applications may be obtained by calling 503-879-2362. Closing date is **June 5, 2002**, 5 p.m.



Photo by Willie Mercier

Donation — Boyd's Coffee Company recently donated \$5,000 to the Tribe's Rodeo Committee for this year's rodeo events. Pictured here are (from left) Tribal Council member Ed Larsen, Jim Erb and Greg Erickson of Boyd's and Tribal Elder and Rodeo Chairman Marvin Kimsey. Boyd's is one of the main sponsors of the annual rodeo.

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- 3. Letters to the editor from candidates will **NOT** be published during the time period from nominations to the conclusion of the Tribal Council Election.
- 4. Feature articles and spotlights involving candidates will be suspended during the time period from nominations to the conclusion of the Tribal Council Election.

This policy is intended to ensure an equal forum for all candidates.



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