



Fall Season Means Football — Tribal member Nick Kimsey plays both offense and defense for the Willamina Bulldogs High School football team. Kimsey is a fullback on offense and linebacker on defense and is pictured here in the September 13 game against Gervais in Willamina.

Letters

Dear *Smoke Signals*,

Thank you for placing me on the mailing list. The pow-wow coverage was excellent. I invited some non-Indians to attend with me. This was their first pow-wow. I gave explanations of events and dances as they took place. They marveled at the traditions, dance and the respect for Veterans, Elders and the respect we show for each other.

I often take these things for granted and it gave me pride to have others come to a gathering of Native people and share our heritage. Special thanks to all the children who made fans for the Elders. What a wonderful day we had. My friends are still telling everyone about the pow-wow.

Again, thank you for your newspaper — I need it to keep the spirit.

Neal N. Tooze,
Capt. USA (Ret)

Dear Tribal Council,

Myself and my family want to thank you for your efforts in recovering money lost. Investments made by council are a great concern. But if we have a majority of council working for the Tribe as a whole, there should see continued improvement. This makes for happy people.

Some of council have been much maligned for reasons without the overall interest of the Tribe in mind. This needs to stop. We are a people known for putting the Tribal peoples welfare first, not individual interests.

Again, I applaud the council for their hard work on our behalf.

William A. Kellogg
Roll #3137

It's fall and we have a lot of safety issues,

One: Our roads and the weather. The roads will be slick from all the leaves and rain.

Two: Hunting Safety. There are a lot of people out there with guns looking for the big one. Please make sure it is the real one. Make sure that there is proper training for our first time hunters and keep that gun out of the reach of children.

Last, but not least, is Halloween. Yes, it is almost here and we want to remind everyone about those safety issues: flame retardant costumes, sturdy and comfortable shoes, ensuring traffic safety and visibility, never go in to a stranger's house, accept treats only at the door, adults should accompany our small trick-or-treating children and practice group safety — three buddies together would be great!

Please have a safe and fun Season,

Pearl Mekemson

On behalf of the Safety Committee

Special People

There are special people in everyone's lives.
They stand by you when your world falls apart.
They wipe away the tears.
They are there to help you rebuild.

Special people come in all sizes, colors and shapes.
Special people do not judge you, put you down
or talk behind your back.
I think special people are really the
Creator's special angels.

Many special angels have helped me through
the hardest year of my life.
Thank you Creator for all my special angels and
all that they have done for me.

This poem is dedicated to all of the special people who have stuck by me since September, 2001. I do not have to mention names because those special people are my angels and they know just how much they mean to me.

Thank you to all of you,
Jill Brandon

Health & Wellness To Celebrate 5 Years

The Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center is celebrating its Five Year Anniversary on Thursday, October 3, 2002. There will be a short ceremony beginning at 10 AM with cake and punch to follow. Everyone is invited to attend.



Race For A Cure

This year's annual Race For A Cure in Portland was sponsored by the Grand Ronde Tribe's Spirit Mountain Community Fund. The 5K event is being held in over 100 U.S. cities and three foreign countries with over 1.3 million participants expected to compete in the breast cancer awareness fundraiser. Among the 47,000 competitors locally were Tribal members Angela Blackwell, Deborah Larsen, Denise Ripley, Amelia Haug, Melanie Ebensteiner and Carmen Brown. Carmen and Melanie regularly make use of the walking path around the Elders' housing during lunch to keep in shape.



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