

# Letters

Dear *Smoke Signals*,

Through this very difficult time, we would like to thank Brent Merrill and his staff, Mark Mercier, Greg Hile, Jackie Whisler and Bobby Mercier and Eagle Beak Singers for their help and support at Janesse and Lucien Davidson's Memorial Service.

We would also like to express our gratitude and appreciation for the support and concern of the community.

Janesse and Lucien will be greatly missed.

Thank you to everyone,

**From the family of Loran & Eyvette Davidson**

Dear *Smoke Signals*,

I would like to send a special thanks to Tribal Council and the Tribal members who helped my buy a heater for my home. I greatly appreciate it. Thank you. Thanks to God and my prayers go out to those who have helped me.

**Marcia Bolton**

Roll #1187

To the Grand Ronde Community:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community of Grand Ronde, the Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Directors and the Grand Ronde Tribal Council for the exceptional experience of serving as the 2001/2002 Hatfield Fellow. The Fellowship is held in high regard on Capitol Hill and is the envy of many Tribal organizations and of course this is due, in part, to the Tribe's reputation in Oregon and Senator Hatfield himself.

It was truly an honor to serve and I would encourage the continuation of this wonderful educational program for Tribal members throughout the Northwest. There are no other Tribally-funded programs that send individuals back to Washington, D.C. for 9 months and get the chance to learn the legislative process and assist Tribes nationwide. In fact, I enjoyed it so much I stayed!

Thank you,

**Bodie Shaw**

National Fire Plan Coordinator

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Washington, D.C.

### IN THE TRIBAL COURT FOR THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON

#### CASE NO. C-02-10-006

The Petitioner, Marcella May Selwyn, on behalf of the Applicant, Maryalica Marcella Licona, a minor child, has petitioned the Court for a Change of Name for the minor child. Applicant allegedly desires to change his or her name to Mary Marcila Lopez, for the reason stated that: Applicant's last name differs from the last name of the parent or guardian and she wishes to assume the last name of the parent or guardian.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any written response to this Order by any party to this case shall be filed on or before January 2, 2003.

**THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE GRAND RONDE TRIBAL COURT  
9615 GRAND RONDE ROAD  
GRAND RONDE, OREGON 97347  
503-879-2303**

## Preschool Christmas Caroling December 23

The preschool will be going around Elder Housing on Monday, December 23 at 10:00 a.m. to sing Christmas Carols. Volunteers are welcome to join us.

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**GRAND RONDE ROLL #:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Attention: All Tribal Members of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

### Tribal Health and Dental Insurance Programs

Those of you who wish to obtain applications to enroll in the Tribal Health Security Program offered through the Tribe's Member Services department, please call Francine Peterson or Hollie Larsen at any one of the following phone numbers: 1-800-442-0346, 879-2221 or 503-879-2490. **All applications for Health and Dental insurance must be received in our office by Friday, December 27, 2002, for coverage to begin on January 1, 2003.** Health and Dental insurance provides coverage for all Tribal members regardless of where you live, and provides health insurance only for eligible non-Tribal member spouses who are age 55 or older.

Effective January 1, 2003, the Tribal Dental program will be switching providers from Standard Insurance to ODS Health Plans. Members currently covered under Standard Dental Insurance will automatically be transferred to ODS Health Plans, **and should not need to fill out a new application.** You will be receiving an ODS dental plan booklet with new cards shortly after January 1, 2003.

If you qualify for Dental coverage and currently do not have Dental insurance, and wish to enroll in the ODS Dental Plan, you must request and complete an application by Friday, December 27, 2002; otherwise, you will be ineligible to enroll until the next open enrollment period of January 1, 2004.

## SMOKE SIGNALS 2002/2003 DEADLINES



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