

## Community Meetings Notice

The Tribal member Community Meetings for the Grand Ronde Tribes will be held in April to share information on current Tribal plans and to gather information for goal setting. Included will be a review of recent projects and key achievements. Comments will be used in guiding programs and projects and in grant applications (e.g. Community Development Block Grant, Administration for Native Americans, Head Start, etc.). Your participation is needed, appreciated and makes a difference.

A meal will be served at the start of each meeting and there will be a coffee break during each meeting. The meetings will be held at the following locations in Portland, Eugene and Grand Ronde.

### April 17, 2003

Thursday  
6:00 — 8:30 p.m.  
Sweetbrier Inn (Columbia Room)  
7125 SW Nyberg Road  
Tualatin, Oregon 97062

Take I-5 Exit 289 and go east on Nyberg Road. The Inn is just east of the Interchange on your left and is visible from the freeway. (The Columbia room is upstairs, the first room on your right. There is an elevator.)

### April 22, 2003

Tuesday  
6:00 — 8:30 p.m.  
Doubletree Hotel Eugene-Springfield  
(Concord Room)  
3280 Gateway Road,  
Springfield, OR 97477

Take I-5 Exit 195a to Gateway Rd. & take a right. The hotel is visible from the freeway. (Use the restaurant lounge entrance near the far end of the parking lot. The Concord Room is the first room on your left.)

### May 1, 2003

Thursday  
6:00 — 8:30 p.m.  
Grand Ronde Community Center  
Grand Ronde, Oregon

For additional information call the Policy & Planning Department at 503-879-2250. If you can not attend and wish to comment on Tribal goal setting please write to Mr. Kim Rogers, Policy & Planning Department, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

## Letters



Dear *Smoke Signals*,

We would like to thank the Grand Ronde Housing Down Payment Program for making it possible for us to purchase our home.

We moved into our home of October of 2002 and are enjoying it so much. God Bless you and again, we say thanks!

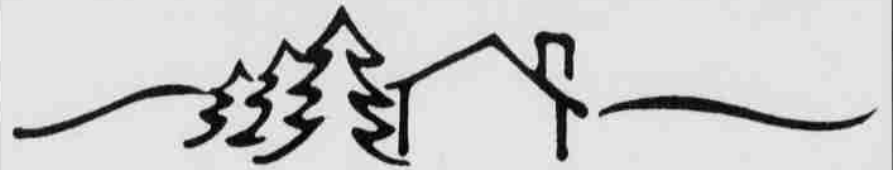
Sincerely,

**Bud & Bonnie Findley**



Photo by Peta Tinda

**Editor's Note** — I want to personally thank Grand Ronde Postmaster Phil Burris for his class and integrity. Burris has been the Grand Ronde community Postmaster for one year now after coming over from Dayton. Recently, Mr. Burris was asked by a local resident to take down his *Smoke Signals'* Tribal calendar because it promoted the Tribe. Burris, Choctaw and Cherokee, refused citing his own Native heritage and his feeling of community here in Grand Ronde and harmony with the people of our Tribe. Phil, thank you for your pride, personality and the quality of your work. Your people would be proud of you as I know I am.



## Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority

### Opportunity For Comment On GRTHA's Performance Under The Indian Housing Plan

Under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will provide grants to Indian Tribes/Indian Housing Authorities for the development and operation of low-income housing in Indian areas. Grants are made to eligible recipients under the Indian Housing Block Grant Program. To be eligible for the grants, respondents must submit an Indian Housing Plan that meets the minimum requirements of the Act, submit annual performance reports to HUD, and maintain records for HUD monitoring. The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority (GRTHA) received grants subject to an Indian Housing Plan for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002. Comments on the Annual Performance Report are welcome and copies of this report can be obtained at the GRTHA office or by calling 503-879-2401, or 1-800-422-0232, extension 2401.

**Comments must be submitted in writing to GRTHA no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 17.**

**Comments will be incorporated into the final Report.**

## SMOKE SIGNALS 2003 DEADLINES



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