

Letters

Dear *Smoke Signals*,

I would like to say thank you to everyone for their support while my husband Al was in the hospital.

Thanks to Tribal Council for the flowers and family members for their gifts and support.

Special thanks to our kids for their love and support during our hard time.

Also, thanks to the Pharmacy and Tribal Clinic Nurses and Sharron in referral.

Thanks so very much,
Norma & Al Billings

Dear *Smoke Signals*,

I would like to say thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone that helped me at the Moccasin Class. I thought I was okay when I left home, but the ramp did me in.

Again, thank you and thank goodness for caring people such as yourselves.

And second, thank you to Tribal Council and staff. Thank you for the beautiful flowers.

Donica J. Cook
 Roll #36

Dear *Smoke Signals*,

I have such a large family that I knew the only way to reach all of them was by your publication. Recently, I had a five-way by-pass on my heart and believe me, I hope not to go through that again. But the night before this happened, I was so worried. I knew that I was going to be flat on my back for weeks and most of all that I was going to face this alone or at the most with my wife and I. But thank God for family. My sister Betty called about then and I told her what I felt, she said, "Kenny, don't worry. The family is going to help you. Just get well." She was so right. Never could I ever imagined or even dreamed how much letters, cards, telephone calls, stuffed toys and flowers.

How much help you all were to me. But most of all, your prayers, the hundreds and hundreds of prayers that went up for me. I believe that in surgery, Jesus held my right hand, the family held my left. Again, may God bless you all: My brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces. Also, my two girls who came and stayed until I came home and I can't forget my wife who stood beside my bed until I got home and she still is here. I love you all.

Thank you, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde for the beautiful flowers you sent. That was so kind of you. Thank you all with love.

Kenneth L. Haller
 Roll #224
 New Plymouth, Idaho

Dear Tribal members,

This is letter to give BIG thanks to the Education Department, especially April Campbell. She made sure everything was in order and kept me positive through the whole 18 months.

I have just graduated from Western Business College on February 5, 2003 with an Associates Degree in Applied Science.

When I decided to go back to school, I had to write a letter asking me why I wanted to do this.

My reply was: I want to give back to my heritage for all they have given me and my family.

So I am doing just that, I have just received a job offer with NARA in Portland, Oregon.

What a great opportunity. Also, a big thanks to family and friends.

Its never to late to go back to school, I believe anyone can do it.

Shelly Rae Atkinson
 Roll #1372

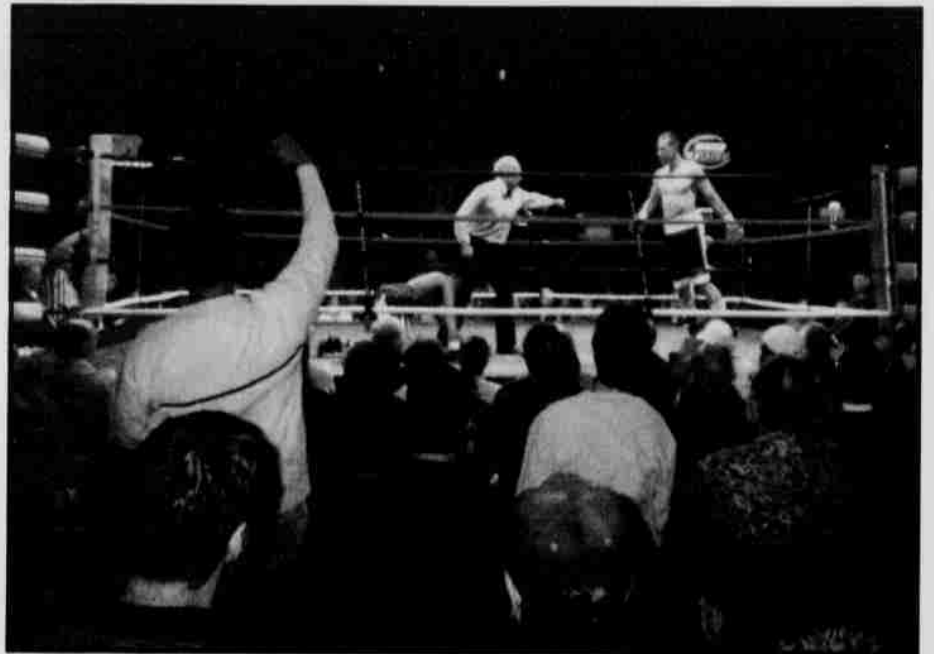


Dear *Smoke Signals*,

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



Dedication — On March 1, local Professional Boxer Victor Branson knocked out Reggie Lowe in Washington at the Emerald Queen Casino in the first round. Branson, who won the fight in only 1 minute and 54 seconds, said he dedicated the fight to the late Michaeli Holsclaw and he is shown here at right holding her picture as the referee raises his hand in victory. Holsclaw died in a car accident on January 30 — the same night Branson was fighting in Portland at the Rose Garden. "She was a good friend to everybody."



Photos courtesy of Victor Branson

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