Letters

Dear *Smoke Signals*,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, all the help and kindness from everyone! It has been an extremely difficult time for all of us. My husband Cliff struggled for two months in a Spokane, Washington hospital before going to be with the Lord on June 6, 2003. God Bless this Tribe for all the love and support. Cliff was working at the time on the "Lower Granite Dam" in Colfax, Washington.

God Bless,

June Burnham, John Flansberg, Lisa, John, Jr., Calvin Burnham and Joshua

Dear Tribal members,

I, Veronica Eileen Gaston will be undergoing major back surgery on December 9, 2003 at the Salem Hospital in Salem, Oregon. This operation is going to require blood transfusions throughout the operation. I am asking Tribal members who are able to donate blood, please do so. When you donate, please let them know who it is for. I have a Type O Positive, which is the universal blood type. You can start donating blood between November 30 — December 8.

Thank you,

Veronica Gaston

Roll #2332

Dear *Smoke Signals*,

As a Dental Hygienist working for the Tribe the last ten years, I read with interest the special edition "Water is Gold" feature within the October 1 issue of *Smoke Signals*. With all the attention the water issue is getting I feel now is the right time to begin thinking about water fluoridation for the Grand Ronde Community.

Water fluoridation is the single most cost-effective public health measure to prevent tooth decay and improve oral health. The Centers for Disease Control state that extensive research conducted over the past 50 years has shown time and time again that fluoridation of public water supplies is a safe and effective way to reduce cavities for all community residents.

Sheridan, McMinnville, Dallas and Salem communities already receive the benefits of water fluoridation; let us join our neighbors in this endeavor. The Grand Ronde Tribe has a history of providing for the future well-being of its members. Let us continue to take care of our community by providing the benefits of water fluoridation.

I invite you to join me in supporting this prevention measure.

Sincerely,

Linda Mann

Registered Dental Hygienist

On The Cover — Current Tribal Elders believe this photograph to be of Tribal member Lucy Neal who was known as "Stickwoman." The picture was taken in front of the Depot in Grand Ronde and the Elders estimate the year to be 1890. If anyone with more information about this picture would contact the Tribe's Public Information Office at 503-879-1453 it would be greatly appreciated. Special Thanks to the Bob Peterson Family.

Photo by Ron Karten

Spooky — Tribal member Jesse Brann showed her Halloween spirit by decorating her Grand Meadows home with all sorts of spooky ghosts, goblins, witches and cobwebs to celebrate the holiday. Brann, a Legal Secretary for the Tribe, decorates her home every holiday season, and says that Halloween and Christmas are her favorite holidays.

Walk This Way — A new pedestrian safety sidewalk has been installed in the Grand Ronde Tribal Elder's Housing. The sidewalk is 752 feet long and five feet wide. It is all American with Disabilities Act approved with four access ramps. Dan Crawford, above, puts in the foundation for one of the ramps, while Ed Nelson, below, puts the non-slip surface on the new side walk.

Photos by Peta Tinda

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