

**Letters**

Dear *Smoke Signals*,

The family of Merle Leno would like to send out a "Thank You" to the family and friends for the prayers, visits, cards, flowers and food. Once again, thank you and God Bless.

Of course we can't forget the wonderful lady, Val Grout and her family. I also would like to say thank you to the staff who donated their PTO so that I could stay with Merle.

Thank you,  
**Claudia Leno & Family**

Dear Tribal members,

If you are receiving food stamps, this information is very valuable to you. I was told by my food stamp worker in McMinnville that the food stamp office can and would break up the casino revenue that we get in December into a 12-month cycle, so it would make it look like I had more money each month. I thought something was wrong with this, so I immediately requested a hearing. The Honorable Daryle Walker handled the case and ruled in my favor saying the money can only be counted in December and not be broken up. Also, the food stamp office was ordered to pay back all food stamps. If this has happened to you, I strongly urge you to request an immediate hearing. I hope this information will be beneficial to all.

Respectfully,  
**Veronica Gaston**  
 Roll #2332

Dear Tribal members,

Thank you to the Tribe for being there for me and our family. We lost our loved Grandad, Alvin Chambers, but still have him in spirit to be with us always.

May we always be such a caring Tribe of brothers and sisters.  
 God Bless,  
**Margaret Chambers**  
 Roll #5004

**"Run To The Rogue"**

Grand Ronde Leg  
 Tribal Community Center  
 Wednesday, June 9, 2004  
*"To honor those who were  
 on the Trail of Tears."*

Contact, Frank Hostler at 503-540-8157 or  
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**Spirit Mountain  
 NPRA Rodeo**

June 26, — 7 p.m. June 27, — 1 p.m.  
 Spirit Mountain Arena, Grand Ronde

Admission: \$5, under 5 FREE.

Events open to the public. Call 503-550-4897 to pre-register. Events include: Stick horse racing, the "Stampede," adult ring toss, junior ring toss, junior steer riding, junior barrels, donkey races and calf deribbining.

Vendors: First come, first serve basis. 20 foot spaces available. Cost for both days, \$50 for non-Tribal, free to Grand Ronde Tribal members (must show Tribal I.D.). For more information, call 503-537-2602

Camping area available. No alcohol, drugs or firearms on Tribal land. These are sanctioned rodeos. For more information, call 503-550-4897.

**KNIFE FOUND**

A knife in a leather sheath was found buried in the mud over near the rodeo/cultural grounds. The knife and sheath have several identifying marks. If wanting to claim, please call the Housing Authority toll-free at 1-800-422-0232 ext. 2401, or directly at 503-879-2401 and give a detailed description of the knife.

**Correction** — In the May 15 issue, in a story about Zane and Britany Grout, we described the two as Taggart/Grout children when in fact they are both Grout children, and in addition, we misnamed them in the photo captions. We regret the errors.

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