

Letters

Dear Tribal members,

Over the years that I have worked for the Tribe, communication between the Tribal Council and the membership has been expressed many times as a concern. Now, in the position of Tribal Council Relations Coordinator, communicating not only with the membership, but internal and external entities, is a high priority. Please understand that this is the first step in a series of communication techniques I will be exploring over the coming months; however, in order for this to work your assistance is also needed.

My personal belief is that my position can be a valuable asset in providing a much needed link between the membership and the Tribal Council. One of the key issues in communication is being able to provide information to the Tribal Council and respond to the membership in a timely manner.

This can be accomplished in various ways, such as e-mail, U.S. mail, phone calls, voice mail, etc. While some people are more comfortable making a phone call or leaving a message, others are more comfortable writing a letter or sending an e-mail. With a letter or an e-mail, the response time is easier to measure. For example, if a letter or e-mail is received during the week, it would be reasonable expect a response within 10 to 12 working days.

Because my schedule is so closely tied to the Tribal Council, I might not pick up a phone call or voice mail message immediately, and phone calls and voice messages are more difficult to track and document.

While any form of communication from the Membership is always welcome; to make absolutely sure the Tribal Council receives your questions, comments or concerns as you intend, you may want to submit them to me in writing to the following addresses:

Dakota Whitecloud, Tribal Council Relations Coordinator
 Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
 9615 Grand Ronde Road
 Grand Ronde, OR 97347
 1-800-422-0232 x-1309 or 503-879-1309
 Fax: 503-879-5964
 e-mail: dakota.whitecloud@grandronde.org

Best wishes to everyone, and I hope to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Dakota Whitecloud
 Tribal Council Relations Coordinator

Dear Editor,

I would first like to say that I appreciate the newspaper that you publish. I am writing asking for help, trying to find my biological family. My grandparents are of Native American ancestry and I'm very interested in learning more about my heritage and about my family. Currently I don't have any contacts to people in the community. As I am currently incarcerated in the Snake River Correctional Institution in Ontario, Oregon.

I have information-names and places of residence but I am trying to locate family and establish contact with them. I'm only 20 and I would like to meet real family members.

If anybody can help me please contact me at the address below. I would greatly appreciate any and all help I can get.

Respectfully asking,
 Mathew V. Muniz
 SRCI SID#14822143
 777 Stanton BLVD
 Ontario, OR 97914

Portland Area Office Beading Class

When — Friday nights from 6-9 p.m., October 2004
 Please call 503-235-4230 and reserve your spot for the first 25 people.

Location — 312 S.W. Kelly Ave. Portland, Oregon 97201.
 Classes taught by Tribal members.

Cost — \$10 a class for non-Tribal and Tribal members can apply through short-term education, John Harp at 503-879-4591.

FREE SUBSCRIPTION

SMOKE SIGNALS is available to anyone at no cost. Fill out this form with your name and address, mail to: **Smoke Signals, Attn: Subscriptions, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347**

OLD ADDRESS: (Please Print) _____ **NEW ADDRESS:** _____

GRAND RONDE ROLL #: _____

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS 2004 RESTORATION CELEBRATION & POW-WOW — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to help with the mini pow-wow and names of people who would like to be considered for preparing the meal.

If you are a Tribal member craft vendor and would like to participate, there will be no cost to set up, but space will be limited and you will need to bring your own tables.

For more information please contact Jackie Provost at 503-879-7724 or Dakota Whitecloud at 503-879-1309.

Smoke Signals 2004 Deadlines

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347
 1-800-422-0232 • FAX: 503-879-2173

www.grandronde.org



BRENT MERRILL
 PUBLIC INFORMATION
 MANAGER/EDITOR
 503-879-2321
 brent.merrill@grandronde.org



JUSTIN PHILLIPS
 GRAPHIC DESIGNER
 503-879-2190
 justin.phillips@grandronde.org



RON KARTEN
 STAFF WRITER
 503-879-4663
 ron.karten@grandronde.org



TOBY MCCLARY
 PRODUCTION
 ASSISTANT I
 503-879-1358
 toby.mcclary@grandronde.org



PETA TINDA
 PHOTOJOURNALIST
 503-879-1463
 peta.tinda@grandronde.org



SHELLY KENT
 CENTRAL PHONES
 503-879-5211
 shelly.kent@grandronde.org



MARTY GEORGE
 PRODUCTION
 ASSISTANT II
 503-879-1453
 marty.george@grandronde.org

EDITORIAL POLICY

SMOKE SIGNALS, a publication of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, is published twice a month. No portion of this publication may be reprinted without permission.

Our editorial policy is intended to encourage input from Tribal members and readers about stories printed in the Tribal newspaper. However, all letters received must be signed by the author, an address must be given and a phone number or email address must be included for verification purposes. Full addresses and phone numbers will not be published unless requested.

SMOKE SIGNALS reserves the right to edit letters and to refuse letters that are determined to contain libelous statements or personal attacks on individuals, staff, Tribal administration or Tribal Council. Not all letters are guaranteed publication upon submission. Letters to the editor are the opinions and views of the writer. Published letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of **SMOKE SIGNALS**, Tribal staff, Tribal administration or Tribal Council.



Members of: ■ Native American Journalists Association
 ■ The Associated Press