

Flight School — *Smoke Signals* Photojournalist and Tribal member Toby McClary captured this image of a hawk soaring above Salem earlier this month.



Attention Tribal Members:

2006 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 5 — Grand Ronde
 Sunday, April 2 — Eugene - Valley River Inn, 1000 Valley River Way
 NOTE THAT ALL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETINGS START AT 11 A.M.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Meetings

DATE	TIME
March 8.....	5 p.m.
March 22.....	5 p.m.

Letters

Dear *Smoke Signals*,

The Portland Winter Hawks would like to relay how much we enjoyed the partnership with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde during the 2004-05 hockey season. We made a lot of friends. It was terrific to see hundreds of members of the Tribe and especially your young people attend our games. The events that encouraged Winter Hawks' players to spend time with Tribal members and their families were very special. And, the posting of the colors for a Rose Garden game featuring Cheryle Kennedy, the council and the Tribal dancers was such special way to share your culture and heritage with more than 10,000 Winter Hawks' fans. We are hoping to have a chance to renew our partnership again, at some point. Our relationship was one of the best I have ever had the honor of facilitating. We wish all of your Tribal members and families, the Tribal Council, the Elders and all of your people best success.

Dean Vrooman
 Sponsorship Relation/Broadcasting
 Portland Winter Hawks

Dear *Smoke Signals*,

To all of you who in this time of tragedy and great loss have offered your prayers, donation, and support, I wish to personally extend my gratitude and thanks. Without persons like yourselves we would be hard put to pick up the pieces and face the days ahead. The love of everyone gives us courage to heal, the strength to hold on to faith and the power of prayer can not be denied. Hope can be such a fragile lifeline but it is strong in the face of such compassion and prayer, that if any of you should face a tragedy of such magnitude that you would have ten times what you have given in love, support and prayer.

As the mother of Jeremy, Aunt to Danielle, Grandmother, and Great Aunt to the boys lost: Zachary, Ryan and Alexander. Thank you each and everyone, we could not do it alone.

And should I fail to acknowledge even one please know that it is unintentional. My loss is less than it would otherwise be because of the heart everyone has shared.

Bless You All!!
Elizabeth (Betty) Houck,
 My husband Terry Arnold Houck and all of our families

Tribal Council Members Honored



"Thank you" — Tribal Elder Tom LaChance presented Council members Jack Giffen, Jr., Chris Mercier and Reyn Leno with a painting that he received in Russia while doing some volunteer missionary work last summer.

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