

# New publications coordinator joins Tribe

*Veteran journalist Dean Rhodes in charge of Smoke Signals*

Award-winning journalist Dean Rhodes joined the Tribe Aug. 6 as publications coordinator in charge of overseeing *Smoke Signals*, the Tribe's annual report and other Tribal publications.

Rhodes, 48, graduated from Arizona State University in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in journalism. Since his first job as a reporter for the weekly *Payson (Ariz.) Roundup*, he has worked as a weekly newspaper editor in Apache Junction, Ariz., pop music writer/columnist and assistant features editor for the now-defunct afternoon daily in Phoenix, Ariz., editor of *The Blue Mountain Eagle* in John Day, Ore., managing editor of *The Gresham Outlook/Sandy Post* near Portland, features editor at the *Forum of Fargo-Moorhead* in North Dakota and, most recently, managing editor of the *Peninsula Daily News* in Port Angeles, Wash.

Throughout his career, he and his newspapers have consistently been honored for excellence. Under Rhodes' leadership, *The Gresham Outlook* was named the best newspaper in Oregon in its circulation category and *The Blue Mountain Eagle* was named the second best weekly in eastern Oregon, eastern Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Rhodes joins the Tribe after taking a 15-month break from journalism to write two screenplays set on the North Olympic Peninsula of Washington state. His first, "The Hoh," finished in the top 15 percent of more than 5,000 entries in the 2006 Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Science's annual screenwriting fellowship competition.

"Unfortunately, they only award five fellowships annually, but it was still encouraging to be in the top 15 percent," he said.

He is currently researching and writing a third screenplay about the life of Negro League baseball



Photo by Toby McClary

**Dean Rhodes, 48, was hired as publications coordinator for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. His first day on the job was Aug. 6. He has worked more than 20 years in newspapers and most recently was managing editor of the daily newspaper in Port Angeles, Wash.**

great Oscar Charleston, who was descended from members of the Sioux Tribe. Charleston has been judged by baseball statistician Bill James to have been one of the best five players to have ever played the game.

"Few people know who Charleston is," Rhodes said. "I was hooked the minute I found out he enlisted in the Army when he was 15 and served in the Philippines following the end of World War I."

Rhodes said his personal highlights as a journalist involved interviewing two of the former Beatles — Paul McCartney in person and Ringo Starr by phone.

"I managed to keep the fan side of me in check and be a professional journalist, but it was difficult," he said.

Rhodes said he has plans for improving *Smoke Signals*.

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tions coordinator is to make the Tribe's publications reflect the professionalism and respect that I've encountered during my first weeks on the job," Rhodes said.

"Since *Smoke Signals* is distributed far and wide outside of the Tribe, I'll be bringing its editing style more in line with generally accepted journalism standards while still maintaining some elements that are unique to the Grand Ronde community.

"In the future, we will be discussing a possible redesign of *Smoke Signals* and becoming an active member of the Associated Press, sending the international news cooperative our Tribally-produced stories and photos, thereby making them available for publication in newspapers worldwide.

"We're also looking at other ways to disseminate Tribal news to a larger audience, such as submitting it to Na-

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**Education:** Bachelor's degree from Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz.  
**Family:** Married to wife, Patricia; two daughters  
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tive-themed Web sites for posting.

"*Smoke Signals* currently has a strong, talented and enthusiastic staff that I look forward to working with for a long time."

Rhodes' wife, Patricia, is the new seventh/eighth-grade math teacher at Willamina Middle School @ Grand Ronde. They have two daughters: Rebecca, 14, and Abby, 10.

Rhodes and his wife are living in Lafayette until they sell their Port Angeles house.

In his free time, Rhodes said he enjoys following the Cincinnati Reds, listening to music, spending time with his family and walking his two dogs — Holly and Peaches.

"The Tribe and its personnel have been extremely friendly and welcoming," he said. "I've appreciated the kindness and look forward to making the Tribe's publications the best they can be. If anyone has any suggestions or comments about Tribal publications, I hope they feel free to call me." ■

## Smoke Signals adopts new reprint policy

See a photo you like in *Smoke Signals*?

Want a copy, or several copies?

If so, *Smoke Signals* has adopted a new reprint policy regarding photos that appear in the newspaper.

Readers can order either 8-by-10 or 5-by-7-inch copies of photos that have appeared in *Smoke Signals*. Charge is \$10 for the first print and \$5 each for subsequent prints regardless of size.

Reprint orders must be pre-paid with a check made out to *Smoke Signals*. A photo reprint order form is available in the Publications Office of the Tribe's Governance Building in Grand Ronde, or can be mailed upon request.

Photos available for reprint are limited to pictures that were published (no outtakes) and have appeared within the previous six months of when the reprint order is received. No rush orders will be permitted; requestors must allow 30 days for delivery. Requestors must be Tribal members.

In addition, reprint requestors must agree that the reprint is for personal use only, and not for use in an ad, or for commercial or promotional purposes. *Smoke Signals* reserves the right to refuse a reprint request.

To request a reprint order form, write to *Smoke Signals* at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347, or call Publications Secretary Kristen Ravia at 503-879-1453 or 800-422-0232. ■

## Attention Tribal veterans

Applications now being accepted for the Veterans' Special Event Board. If you are interested, contact Dakota Whitecloud at 503-879-1309 or dakota.whitecloud@grandronde.org

## Tribe co-sponsors gorge future forum

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is the leading sponsor of the all-day Columbia Gorge Future Forum to be held Oct. 29 at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center in The Dalles.

People who care about the future of the gorge are invited to attend the forum, which costs \$50 and includes lunch. The center can hold 140 people and the forum sold out in mid-September.

Other forum sponsors include the Columbia River Gorge Commission, state of Washington, U.S. Forest Service, Portland General Electric, Bonneville Hot Springs, Skamania Lodge, and Hood River and Klickitat counties.

Organizers hope the forum will attract new voices and perspectives regarding the gorge's future, and possibly prompt smaller community-based forums.

To register, call Jessica Metta, a staff planner with the Gorge Commission, at 509-493-3323, ext. 228. ■