

Boards seek volunteers

The Rodeo Board and Tribal Fish & Wildlife Committee are seeking volunteers to apply to serve on them.

The Rodeo Board has three openings. It meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month and supervises putting on the Tribe's annual June rodeo.

The Fish & Wildlife Committee has one opening. It meets monthly on the second Tuesday and supervises the salmon distribution, Tribal hunting tags and metes out punishment to people who violate Tribal game laws.

To apply for either board, pick up a Special Events Board form from Tribal Council Relations Coordinator Dakota Whitecloud. For more information, call Whitecloud at 503-879-1309 or Harold Lyon at 971-237-5775.

Applications will be reviewed by the Tribal Council, which makes appointments to Tribal boards. ■

Attention Tribal members

2008 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

■ Sunday, March 2 — 11 a.m., Grand Ronde, Tribal Community Center

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Feb. 27	5 p.m.

Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed. Call Dakota Whitecloud, Tribal Council Relations Coordinator, at 503-879-1309 to confirm.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

The following committees/SEB's have vacancies: Culture Committee — 2; Fish & Wildlife — 1; Pow-wow SEB — 1; Rodeo SEB — 3; and Veterans SEB — 1.

Contact Dakota Whitecloud for an application and/or more information at 503-879-1309 or dakota.whitecloud@grandronde.org.

Letters

Dear Smoke Signals:

My son, Daniel Freeman, sent me this beautiful portrait of his daughter (at right), Amanda, drawn by a friend in prison. Danny is serving seven years in prison as a result of a plea deal.

The maximum hit-and-run charge is five years. He pleaded guilty, signed the deal and, after 25 minutes in court, they hauled him away.

The deal said he could have time to settle his affairs. That didn't happen. He left three teenagers at home that day. Well, the two boys. Amanda was with me in court. She was ordered out of court. She left hysterical and totally shocked. Amanda was devastated over losing her Dad. She's had ulcerative colitis since she was 10. Even Amanda can't remember how many operations she's had.

She's been on disability since she was 10. Now that she's turned 18, Social Security is trying to drop her from the system.

Amanda decided to go back to Florida to be with her mom. Now she has to appeal the complicated system all by herself. Here, she had help from Social Services; there, she's on her own. Amanda says the whole family is serving every day of that seven-year sentence.

Charlene Freeman

Roll #194



Dear Smoke Signals:

Thank you to everyone for being here in my time of loss. Richard Thomas passed in November.

Thank you for the lovely flowers, cards and the wonderful meal.

Crystal Thomas

Phyllis Brown

Roll #873

Matthew Thomas

Roll #1006

See page 12 for more letters.

Tribal Office Closures

All Tribal offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 18, in observance of Presidents' Day/Tribal Chiefs' Day.

Tribal ID machine out of service

Enrollment is unable to issue Tribal ID cards at this time due to equipment failure. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. We will notify you when we are able to issue ID cards again.

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