Letters

Dear *Smoke Signals*:

I left Chiloquin to start college at Chemeketa Community College. When I moved into the Willamette Valley back in 1991, I met Jeanne Larsen at Nanitch Sahalie.

Jeanne welcomed me with a warm heart, open arms and a wonderful smile. That warm and kind friendship that she gave to me I will cherish forever.

I am grateful and blessed that Jeanne crossed my path. We are going to be at a loss for a long while.

It may take a few years or longer. Our hearts will heal slowly.

Jeanne, your love and the memories will live forever in our hearts. My heart and prayers go out to the family.

Kristy Summers
Roll #2920

Dear Grand Ronde Tribal members:

Each year we hear talk about change for our Tribal government. For the last few years talk of giving voice back to the Tribal members has increased greatly. There are many ways we can address giving voice back to the general membership and a great place to start is by voting.

Last year, there were 3,844 eligible voters; only 1,264 voted. That means we did not hear the voice of 2,580 of our Tribal members.

I would like to encourage all eligible voters to vote. I know it can be discouraging at times for many different reasons. Sometimes we may feel our vote won't matter. Sometimes we may feel disconnected from our Tribe. Sometimes we may not know the candidates. Sometimes we may feel as though we don't have time.

Just imagine how 2,580 voices could change the outcome of our elections. Imagine how 2,580 voices could change the direction of our Tribe. Just imagine how we could affect the success of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde if all 3,844 eligible members came to the table.

Please let your voice be heard. Register and vote.

Brenda Tuomi
Roll #1438

Agency Creek Road closed until Aug. 31

Agency Creek Road from the junction with Wind River Road (milepost 1.0) to the junction with Yoncalla Creek Road (milepost 4) will be closed through Aug. 31.

The road closure is necessary for road repairs, including repaving. Detour signs will be posted enabling access to the reservation through Wind River Road (200), Wind River Crossover Road (206/306) and Yoncalla Creek Road (300).

Agency Creek Road, from the junction with Grand Ronde Road to the junction with Wind River Road will likely be closed from Sept. 1 to Sept. 28 for repairs and repaving of the lower section.

For more information, contact Tribal Project Engineer Manager Jesse White at 503-879-2404 or jesse.white@grandronde.org. ■

Smoke Signals wins first in Target Audience in contest

WELCHES — Grand Ronde's Tribal newspaper *Smoke Signals* received one first-place award and two second-place awards in the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association Associate Member contest, which honored work published in 2011.

Award recipients were announced Friday, July 13, at the annual convention held at the Resort at the Mountain in Welches.

Smoke Signals received a first-place plaque for being the best newspaper at reaching its Target Audience. *Smoke Signals* was judged based on the level of interest, relevance, creativity and commitment to its target audience.

"I couldn't find anything in three issues that wasn't directly related to the target audience," the judge said. "Good, solid reporting."

Second place went to *The Capital Press*, a 35,000-circulation weekly agricultural newspaper published in Salem.

Tribal photographer Michelle Alaimo received a second-place certificate for her entry, which featured photos from the Tribe's participation in the 2011 Starlight Parade in Portland, the 2011 Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow and Tribal youth visiting a pumpkin patch in October.

"Excellent photojournalism!" the judge said.

Tribal graphic design specialist George Valdez also won a second-place certificate in graphics.

"Well done graphics," the judge said.

"*The Capital Press* is a perennial winner at ONPA in this category," said Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes. "For our staff to receive this first-place recognition is quite an honor. Everyone at *Smoke Signals* works diligently to put out a comprehensive, quality publication for the Tribal membership 24 times a year. To receive a first-place award from statewide media professionals recognizing our entire staff's effort is validation of all the hard work and dedication that goes into each issue of *Smoke Signals*."

Smoke Signals was the only Tribal newspaper honored in this year's ONPA Associate Member contest. *Smoke Signals* competed against other mainstream Oregon publications, such as the *Sherwood Gazette, Portland Tribune* and aforementioned *Capital Press* in the Associate Member category. Judging was performed by members of the Arizona Newspaper Association.

"ONPA only gave out 14 awards this year in the Associate Member contest, and for *Smoke Signals* staff to win three of them is a testament to the talented people we have working for the Tribe," Rhodes said. "Staff members continue to go the extra mile to ensure the Tribal membership receives a publication that can stand with the best newspapers — Tribal and nonTribal — in Oregon."

Smoke Signals also finished second in the Associate Member Sweepstakes Award contest, which assigned three points for a first-place finish, two points for a second-place award and one point for third place.

The Capital Press accumulated 10 points while *Smoke Signals* garnered seven. ■

Higher Education Web page updated

Check out the new Higher Education program Web site at www.grandronde.org/departments/education/higher-education/.

Program information, updates, newsletters, scholarship information and more! ■

CTGR Annual Fish Distribution

Natural Resources Division Fish Lab
47010 SW Hebo RD. Grand Ronde OR 97347

Elders will have a special line established to expediently fill their requests. To ensure this, only elder orders will be filled using this line. Thank you for your understanding and consideration of others.

All MEMBERSHIP
Must show Tribal I.D.

Thursday, Aug. 16, 1-5:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 18, 9 a.m.-Noon

If picking up for others: a signed note with copy of Tribal ID is required
No early or late pick up
If you have any questions please contact the Natural Resources Division at 503-879-2424

2012 SUBSISTANCE - RELEASE FORM

I agree to take full responsibility for picking up salmon for my family. I have obtained Tribal ID and notes from each member. Listed below are the names and roll numbers I will be picking up for today.

NAME	ROLL #	NAME	ROLL #

SIGNATURE: DATE:

ATTN: CTGR Satellite Offices

Portland & Eugene Annual Fish Distribution

The Natural Resources Division will be delivering fish to Portland & Eugene Satellite Offices.
Please be advised:

- **In order to pick up at a Satellite Office you must SIGN-UP. For Portland pickup please call 503-235-4230 for those wishing to pick-up in Eugene call 503-879-2424.**
- **Only those members who have SIGNED-UP will be eligible**
- **The amount of fish being delivered will be based on the SIGN-UP sheet**
- **Pick up from one location only**
- Must show Tribal I.D.

Portland Office
4445 SW Barbur Blvd. Portland OR 97239 - 503-235-4230
All MEMBERSHIP
Thursday, Aug. 23, 2-6 p.m.

Eugene Office
221 W. 10th Avenue Eugene, OR 97401 - 503-879-2424
All MEMBERSHIP
Thursday, Aug. 30, 2-6 p.m.

If picking up for others: a signed note with copy of Tribal ID is required
Tribal members wishing to donate their allotment of fish for ceremonial purposes is permitted
If you have any questions please contact the Natural Resources Division at 503-879-2424

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