

FROM THE COUNCIL _ _ _ _

The Tribal Council elections were held September 9, 1979 in Grand Ronde. There was a large attendance for the elections. People came from Coos bay, Myrtle Creek, Salem, Warm Springs and Nespelem and White Salmon, Washington. We are very happy to see so many tribal members interested enough in our endeavors to travel these long distances to attend our General Meetings.

The interest and support of our Tribal members is needed to reach our goals. Our major goal is Tribal re-instatement. The unity of our Tribe is our strength, and through your voice in the meetings or your written letters, the Council can take direction in future programs and projects that best serve our Tribal needs.

This time of the year is the end of the fiscal year for C.E.T.A. programs. We were funded through the Warm Springs via the Siletz Tribe, the sub-grantee, for a five-month program beginning May 1, 1979 and ending September 30, 1979. Much research and enrollment up-dating has been done in the past five months. Also, through the interest of our Tribal members, a grade stake mill has been implemented and is providing needed training to Tribal members as well as employment.

It is very important that Grand Ronde continue a Tribal office in Grand Ronde since there has been one implemented for the last three years through other agencies, the last five months through the Region X Indian prime sponsor. Through our Tribal office interest and assistance we have provided to our Tribal members services in the areas of education, nutrition, transportation and employment training. Other important factors are the strengthening of Tribal unity as well as regaining the culture of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde through the operative Tribal office and staff.

The funding for the ongoing program is somewhat sketchy at this time as negotiations are in the process for the Fiscal Year '80. These services cannot be and should not be denied to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

We thank those who have sent donations this past month toward the land purchase. We look forward to receiving donations from more Tribal members. Remember these donations are tax deductible.

Several permanent grave markers have been ordered and received. Our Green Thumb worker is now busily mounting them on cement foundations. The cost remains the same -- \$10, and when you provide the name, birth date, death date, and the cost of cement and plaque, we will provide the labor. Remember, we all have family in our burial ground, so let's all work together to keep improving our Cemetery.

We need your support, each individual Tribal member, in our endeavors to reach our ultimate goal, Federal recognition.

Sincerely,
The Tribal Council

Chairman - Marv Kimsey
Co-Chairman - Darrel Mercier
Sec.-Treas. - Jackie Colton

Council Member - Dean Mercier
Council Member - Margaret Provost
Council Member - Merle Holmes
Council Member - Ray McKnight

