
RESTORATION . . .

Since the reorganization of our tribe in 1975, The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde have come a long way toward reaching the goal of restoration of our tribe by the federal government, set forth by the Tribal Council and tribal members at that time.

The involvement of NAPOLS (Native American Program, Oregon Legal Services) in 1980, has been the most measurable in our efforts of restoration. NAPOLS has provided legal counsel to prepare a draft bill for the tribe, assisted in tribal government development, provided training in proposal preparation and scheduled meetings with governmental agencies and members of Congress in Washington D.C. in January, 1982. NAPOLS has been very instrumental in our progress to date, and will be providing the legal voice as our bill proceeds through Congress. The work The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde have done and are doing is very important in reaching our goals. The enrollment procedures are constantly being updated to include all of our tribal members. Survey forms are updated to seek additional information of members of the tribe. This information is being compiled into a profile of the the tribe. The completed profile will reveal the cultural history of the tribe, contemporary situations, demographic characteristics and social economic indicators. The profile will help to inform legislators of who the CTGR are, where members are located and will also identify the needs of our tribal members. The profile will be completed and submitted before the November elections to strengthen and stress the need to our Congressman to introduce and support our restoration bill as it travels through the maze of Congress.

Included with the tasks of restoration are the many meetings to attend with various organizations in order to establish support for our undertaking, and also the tasks of developing and expanding our projects that will lead to a sufficient base for the tribe; monitoring current programs to determine the strength and weaknesses.

Researching new funding sources and reporting requirements of current funding agencies, and reapplication to appropriate granting agencies. These procedures will be ongoing after Restoration is accomplished, and long range plans of the Tribe will be implemented to meet the needs of the Tribal members in the area of Health, Education, employment, and Housing needs.

As all of this progresses, greater responsibilities fall upon the Tribal Council, and Tribal staff. We must improve our management capabilities, and the decision making abilities of our Tribal Government. This will be implemented through training sessions for the Tribal Council and office staff.

We would like to express our sincere sympathy to Carolyn Graham and Family in their recent loss of a loved one, Jack Graham who passed away a few weeks ago.

We were saddened at the news of Jack Provost's death October 31. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Margaret and family.

A special note of thanks to Harold Blair for the nice donation of \$5.00 to help the tribe out with expenses for the newsletter. Thank you, Harold, we appreciate your thoughtfulness.