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I was born and raised in the Grand Ronde area. I have always been interested in the Tribe, forever and have been a active Councilman since re-organization in 1975.

I became Vice-Chairman in 1982. I am presently the Tribal Chairman. My main interests are the welfare of our elders, Better living standards and Medical and Dental help. Also helping our children receive a better chance for a good education. I also feel strongly about setting By-Laws and Constitution which will help our Tribe to establish a Reservation Plan and Economic Land Base to promote jobs for tribal members. I have put in Inkind hours in the past 10 years, working toward Restoration.

Submitted by:

Russ Leno
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I was born and raised in Grand Ronde and have worked in and around the area all of my life. I am a veteran of World War 11. I am presently employed at the Tribal Office as a Green Thumb employee. I was on the Cemetery Committee along with Dean Mercier for several years. My interest is the Preservation and Maintenance of the Cemetery.

My concerns are for our Elders Welfare and better Education opportunities for our children and to up-grade our living conditions.

If elected I will strive to establish By-Laws and Constitution that will help our Tribe achieve a Reservation Plan and Economic Land Base that will promote work for our tribal members.

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Russ Leno
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Henry D Petite

35 years old and married with 2 children.

Born: Tillamook, Oregon and raised in Salem Oregon

Attended: Private Catholic Schools and graduated from Serra Catholic High School

Attended: Chemeketa Comm. College and Univ. of Portland - Field of study - Civil and Structural Engineering.

I worked for various timber industry companies in Alaska, Eugene area, But primarily in the areas surrounding Grand Ronde, Oregon. Currently and for the last 6 years, I have been employed at FMC Corp. FMC builds Rail cars, Barges and Ships.

I was raised in Salem, Oregon, and have spent much of my time in and around Grand Ronde. As my father grew up in Grand Ronde. And I have many relatives living in the area. In addition to working in this vicinity, much of my recreational time is and has been spent fishing nearby rivers and hunting surrounding mountains.

These activities have installed a devotion to the natural environment of this West Coast. And a vast respect for it's history. These sentiments have only been enhanced with my family infusing an extensive knowledge and a tremendous pride in my Indian ancestry.

My appreciation of the physical environment, my comprehension of the Indian culture and it's influences, makes me a practical candidate to represent the newly restored Grand Ronde Indian Tribe. It would be my desire to be an integral part in the preservation of my heritage and would hope I could assist in developing a better understanding of the Indian culture to those unfamiliar or alienated from our culture.

Thank You
H.D. Petite