

TRIBAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES

focus of programs and services for our elders including the establishment of a rehabilitation and physical therapy program just for elders. In fact, I would like to see a physical therapy unit with jacuzzi pools added to our proposed community services center programs. The comfort this would give our elders is, in my opinion, a small reward for the many sacrifices they have made for the Tribe over the years. I would also like to see us establish a feasible health insurance program for all tribal members no matter where they live. If you have used the Indian Health Services programs you know first hand the very limited health care we get from IHS. We have the financial capability to provide more for our members, and should. I also believe we should begin the development of tribal housing within the next ten months. Housing conditions in Grand Ronde are not acceptable and we have the resources and capability, all we need is the focus.

I decided to run for Tribal Council this year for a number of reasons. Most important among these reasons is that I have been very concerned with the focus and direction of our Tribal Council for the past eight months.

I believe that our Tribal leaders began a journey many years ago to re-establish our tribal community and to give our people a chance for a better future. We have followed that journey for many years and our success in the last decade is proof that our leaders have had the right perspective on governing our Tribe. More recently, though, I question whether we are still on that journey and whether we still have the same perspective. I do believe that conflict and resolution are a necessary part of good government. At the same time I believe there is a moral and ethical method to express your disagreement or concerns, even among council members.

I would like to continue serving the Tribe in future years and I feel tribal government would be an excellent opportunity for me to help get the Tribe to re-focus on the important issues that promote and create growth and unity among our people. I honestly believe this is the key to a solid future for our community and our children.

It would be my honor to serve the good people of our Tribe as a representative you could talk with on any issue and with whom your trust would never be broken. I don't believe that it is too late to re-focus on the organization's priorities. We just need to want to do it.....together. Thank you.

Colleen Kimsey

Eugene LaBonte

Dear fellow tribal members and friends:

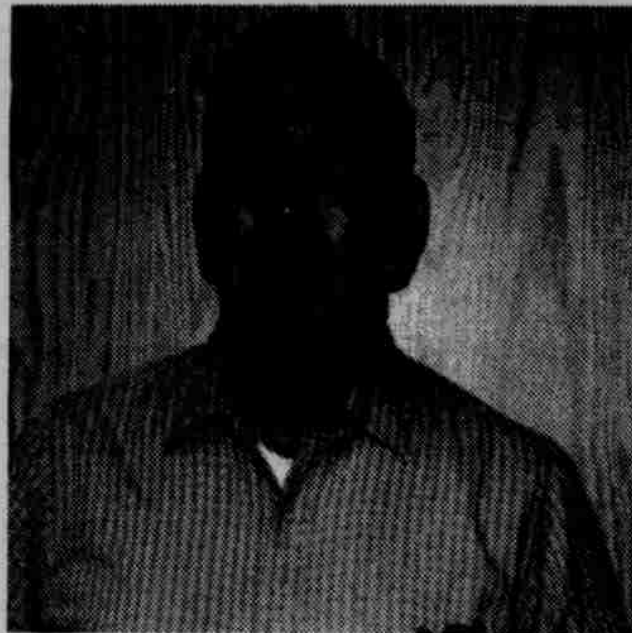
My name is Eugene LaBonte. My parents were the late Alexander Gus and Edna K. LaBonte. I was born and raised in the Grand Ronde area.

My work experience is concentrated mainly in the automotive field and timber industries. I owned and operated my own trucking company in the eleven western states.

In the past I have represented your interests on the Tribal Council. During these periods I gained much knowledge and experience in tribal government. I have participated in work shops dealing with the Tribal Corporation and the Tribal Court. Currently I am a member of the Timber Committee.

In order for this Tribe to attain self-sufficiency and the desired economic status, we must look beyond the timber industry. There are many unexplored enterprises that the Tribe can invest their interests upon. I feel as a qualified individual I will be able to cultivate new ideas to produce more outlets in the tribal economy.

The Native American heritage represented by our tribal



members is also another means to educate the public about Native American concerns as well as individual and tribal goals. As the Tribe begins to educate outside interests new avenues will open to aid in achieving desired tribal self-sufficiency.

If elected to the Tribal Council, I will perform my duties in the best interest of all tribal members. The individuals of this Tribe deserve the opportunity to achieve success both in the areas of education and economic stability.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Eugene LaBonte

Merle Leno



I, Merle Leno, am running for Tribal Council because I feel that I can provide experience and leadership for Grand Ronde tribal people. I strongly believe that tribal government should represent and work towards the betterment of its members.

My experience with the Grand Ronde Tribe started before restoration. I served as a member of the Council beginning in 1976. As a result, I gained a lot of knowledge, and over the years I feel that I have always had the best interest of the Tribe and members at heart. I wish to continue serving my people and will dedicate myself to the needs of the Tribe.

Participation in tribal government takes a great deal of

time and devotion. I am willing to accept this responsibility and have demonstrated my desire by serving on the following committees: As Vice Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee I have been able to see our tribal programs grow and develop. I feel our committee has a major role in advising the Council on crucial issues and concerns of our people. The Health Committee oversees the contract health, alcohol and drug, senior services, youth activities, alcohol and drug prevention and social services programs. These are important programs that help to strengthen tribal government as well as provide crucial services to our members.

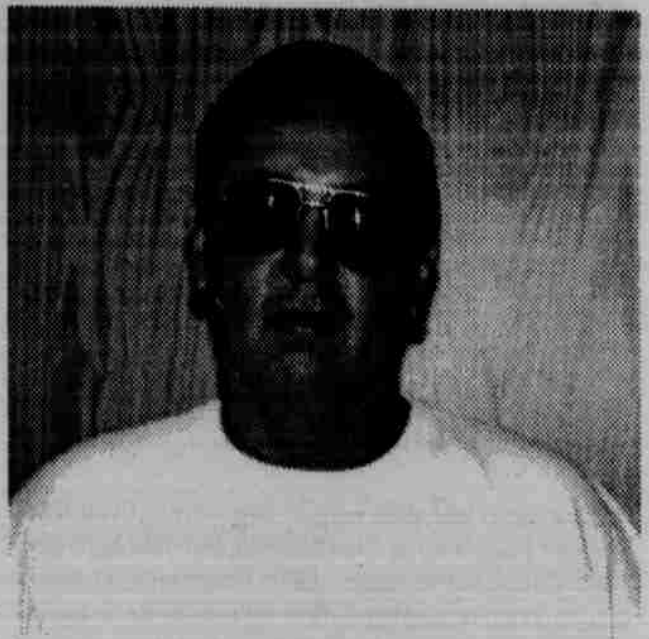
I also serve on the Northwest Indian Child Welfare Association, am Chairman of the Advisory Board for Nanitch Sahallie, and serve as Sergeant at Arms for the Seniors Committee. For the last five years I have been the Chairman of the Pow-Wow Committee. We have seen the annual tribal celebration grow from a one day event that attracted about 1,000 people, to attracting over 2,000 people for our current two day event.

As an elected official of Grand Ronde Tribal Council I will work towards the future growth of the Tribe. I believe this takes a strong will and a good understanding of the tribal needs. I will work towards a strong government that provides the tribal members with information they need to make the tribal government accountable. We need to see more program reports to the general council, as well as more tribal council planning reports. As tribal members we need to know what our government and administration is doing on our behalf. Also I believe our people need to know what the Tribe plans to do in the area of economic development. All of us need to know where our money is going and how it is being spent. Tribal economic development begins with Grand Ronde members and must provide a profitable income and adequate employment for our people as well as a future for our Indian youth.

I believe the Tribe should move ahead with tribal housing plans especially housing for our tribal elders. It is important that the people of Grand Ronde and those members that wish to return and live here have housing. We all deserve the best housing available at a cost we can afford.

As a member of the Tribal Council I will provide the protection that is needed to enhance and strengthen our resources. I believe I have the experience and skills to do the best job possible.

Reynold Leno



Dear tribal members;

My name is Reynold Leno, son of Orville and Ramona