

TRIBAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES

WILMADENE BUTLER

Hello- my name is Wilmadene Butler, and my parents were the late Andrew and Amanda Riggs. I had several sisters and brothers, all born in Grand Ronde. I have one sister left, Emma Summerlin, who lives in Tumwater, Washington.

On November 11, 1954, I married James E. Butler in Vancouver, Washington. We have one daughter, Cynthia Ann Butler, and we have lived in Monmouth, Oregon for the past seven years.

I served on the Tribal Council in 1989-90, and I was also secretary to the Cemetery Committee. Now I am on the PowWow Committee, and it is an enjoyment working with everyone.

I have helped plan many things, and now we have our first Community Center on our land. It is a great feeling knowing I was a part of all this. If I am elected, all I can say is that I will do my best for my people. I love cooking, canning, crocheting, and crafts.

Thank you,
Wilmadene Butler



Wilmadene Butler

VALARENE GROUT

Dear Tribal Members:

My name is Val Grout and I am running for Tribal Council, and I would like to ask you for your support. A little about my background: My parents are Dewalt and Arvella Houck. My grandparents were Abe and Maude Hudson and John and Frances Houck Porter. My husband Pete, and my five children support me in my council role.

One of my main concerns is the health of wellness of our people. I was on the Health Committee for some time and I try to stay in touch with all health issues. Education and jobs for our people are also very important to me.

I have been active on the PowWow Committee since 1984--cooking the meals and I have been on the Cemetery Committee for three years. I now have been on the Tribal Council for five years, and have always kept all of our people in mind when I make any decisions. I am a voice that is there for you and if you have any questions or concerns, I am always willing to listen and do my best to find the answers for you. I feel there are some major decisions to be made in 1992-93 on housing, economic development, and land purchasing. I feel I have the experience from being a council member to make decisions that will be fair to all tribal members. Thank you for your support in the past, and I hope I can count on it for this election.

Val Grout



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KATHRYN HARRISON

Dear Tribal Members:

It has been an honor and a privilege being elected to serve on the council. Those who know me know of the many hours spent this year in representing our tribe. There were many ups and downs along with the hard work and decisions made, but I attended every meeting and activity with pride and dignity.

We have accomplished so much, so fast, but we still have a long road to travel. I know I can help, and be of assistance in carrying out the visions of our people, as planned. I ask for your support so I may continue as a member of Tribal Council. My thanks to everyone for your trust and faith in re-electing me so we may continue our work together.

May God Bless---Kathryn Harrison



Kathryn Harrison

ANDREW JENNESS

I would like to begin by telling you a little about myself. I am 26 years old, married, and have three beautiful daughters. After being raised in the Eugene area, I graduated from high school in 1984, worked a couple of years in the woods, and returned to go to school at the University of Oregon. While there I received my Bachelors of Science degree in Economics/Business in 1990. Shortly after that I worked for the tribe's Economic Development department for a brief time on the Overall Economic Development Plan. Since that time I have been working on my own start-up business, an elderly housing project in the Eugene area. This brings me to why I am running for Tribal Council.

Proverbs 29:18 says "without a vision, people perish". The vision for our tribe needs to be renewed and made known. Our people need an understanding and a say in where the tribe is headed. In the Res Plan a number of goals were vaguely defined by council. They included such issues as education, economic development, health care, housing, and others. The vision including these issues needs to be expanded.

Also, the people, those living in the Grand Ronde area as well as those living outside the community, need to be heard. There are tribal members who have needs that are not currently being met. Those needs range from health care to what kinds of services are available. I will be an ear and a voice for the tribal membership as a whole.

I am confident that my educational background as well as my business background has given me the ability to review, analyze, and make informed decisions regarding the well-being of the tribe and its members.

Thank you,
Andrew Jenness



Andrew Jenness

EARL FLOYD "BUTCH" LABONTE

Family: Joseph LaBonte, Father; Thelma Metcalf LaBonte, Mother.

I am running for Tribal Council. I would like the opportunity serve my people. I feel there are a great many needs that the members of the Grand Ronde tribe have and I would like to do all that I can to help.

I have seen many of our tribal members have to leave the Grand Ronde area because there is no housing or employment. I will work to help the tribe acquire land and provide housing and jobs for our people.

The Grand Ronde tribe has a great deal of potential in the area of economic development. The other tribes are working through such enterprises as bingo and other tourist attractions to bring in employment. Grand Ronde is a great location and has the hardest working people around. There is no reason why we can't put together our own business and put our people to work. I am currently serving on the Veteran's and Community Health Councils, and I am on the Alcohol and Drug Alumni Committee. I am a hard worker and dedicated to serving the Indian Community. I find work with tribal government very rewarding.

The tribe has a proud heritage. I will work to help bring the culture back for our people, protect our resources, and advocate for tribal member's concerns.

The tribe must start addressing the needs of the youth. I will help to get a recreation center where our youth will have activities all year round. I will work to see to it

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