

**Tribal Council Elections will be held September 9, 1995
at the Grand Ronde Tribal Community Center.**

THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON

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***E**very year, Smoke Signals publishes personal statements from every Tribal Council candidate who submits an article. All fourteen nominees and their photos are featured in the following pages. We hope this information is helpful in deciding who your next three Tribal Council members should be. The candidates are featured in the order they will appear on your ballot.*

REYN LENO



My name is Reyn Leno. My parents are Orville and Ramona Leno.

My wife Liz and I have three children. Angela will be entering her second year of Law School in the fall, Shonn will be a Junior and Dustin will be a Freshman at Clackamas Community College. I have lived in the Grand Ronde area all my life, with the exception of serving two years in the Marine Corps. I am currently Vice-Chairman of the Timber Committee, and have also been very active in community youth activities.

Being a concerned tribal member, I have attended nearly all of the Tribal Council and General Council

meetings for the past four or five years. These meetings have given me the education and opportunity to learn the needs and wants of tribal members. There are a lot of issues that have come up over this time however, I have noticed there are three prominent issues I feel I need to address: per capita, health security, and education assistance.

At this time I feel it is important to use our income to offer tribal members the best services possible, and not put these in jeopardy. When we establish what our income from the casino will consist of, then it will

be more relevant to discuss per capita payments. Per capita payments would be the fairest way to distribute excess income, if that is what the people want.

I feel the Health Security System is something that is needed and has been needed for a long time. It is one of the fairest ways to serve tribal members inside and outside of the Six County Service Area.

Having all three of my children involved in the Tribe's Higher Education Program, I see the importance of educating our tribal members. I also see the ideas and experience they bring back to our Tribe.

As I see more and more students entering into the education programs every year, I feel that by putting more money into educating our people, we increase the chances of having educated people working for our Tribe.

The future of our Tribe is educating our people and keeping them healthy. As you can see, I have a real interest in our Tribe and would greatly appreciate your vote and support in September. I will do my best to represent the people and their concerns.

PAM WARREN



My name is Pam Warren. I am the daughter of Phil and Reita Warren, granddaughter of Blanche Lillard, great-granddaughter of Della Michelle, and great-great-granddaughter of Joe and Maryann Michelle.

I work for the Tribe as the secretary for the Tribal Family Action Program. I have been working for the Tribe for 1-1/2 years. Though I really enjoy my position and the work that I do for tribal

members in need, joining the Tribal Council would be my opportunity to help all tribal members and is a position I would be willing to give up to dedicate my time and energies to this high honor.

There are so many hot issues on the board today that it is hard to focus on which one is the most important. What's number one for one group of people may not be for another. The thing to remember

is that at the top of everyone's list should be "Tribal Members." Can we afford to lose sight of the flame that burns within us all? There is a unity and a bond of community that holds us together no matter where our paths take us. Should the benefits of being a tribal member extend only to those who choose to live in our service area? Absolutely NOT! Are you less of a tribal member because you live in Lincoln City

or New York City? Absolutely NOT! I truly believe that health care coverage, housing assistance, retirement benefits, education assistance and per capita are important issues. I realize that as a Council member, all of these issues are important and as a Council member I would be open-minded to all the issues which are important to tribal members. They all need to be given our full attention and consideration.