

## New Road for Pow-wow Grounds

Photo by Justin Phillips



**Access Improves** — Construction crews pour curbs for a new access road being built this summer on the Tribal campus near the pow-wow grounds.

## Changes at this Year's Pow-wow

This year there will be some new obstacles at the pow-wow grounds due to the construction of our new Education buildings and dry weather. For your safety, please read and respect the following general information:

- **SMOKING** — Please use extreme caution and distinguish ALL cigarettes in designated containers.
- **PETS** — Absolutely no pets on the arena floor.
- **CAMPING** — Free camping in designated areas ONLY. Absolutely no exceptions will be made.
- **CANOPIES** — No canopies on

arena floor. Canopies may be set up on the access area directly behind the arena floor. Please ask at the registration table if you have any questions.

- **PARKING** — \$1 dollar donation or canned food. Donations are given to the Grand Ronde Food Bank. Please be patient, as we are dealing with limited parking.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO CAMPING FIRES.**
- **ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL AND DRUGS.**

Thank You,  
Pow-wow Committee

## LETTER

Dear Editor,

I hope this letter finds its way to the ones who are concerned with the loss of our Tribal people due to the 1999 enrollment amendment. In the *Smoke Signals* I read with grief the lost moccasins and lost Tribal members, but what of the Grand Ronde descendants who are being denied the membership of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde?

It was 1986, at a garage sale a man came to me and said you are Native American I can tell! I said yes, my ancestral roots are LaBonte, LaChance and Pichette. He preceded to tell me he knew of current living relatives (something I did not know as I had been raised away from the Grand Ronde area). Only knowing I was a Native descendant of the first peoples of Oregon and being told, we do not have enough blood degree (because the records were incorrect) this new insight of unknown relatives intrigued me, so I started researching my Family tree. Finding cousins near and far I was really coming to find who I truly was.

I went to Grand Ronde and found my Grandmother was enrolled, she was also on the termination and restoration rolls, her blood quantum did not seem right to me, this being the reason I was told we did not have enough blood to enroll before June 1999. But with reasonable deduction I said this is not right. So, my next task was to find all the documents and records to prove who I was. It was not until June of 1999 I found all that was needed, I went before the enrollment committee with my proof. I was accepted as a member of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde along with my Mother. Oh the happiness I felt when I received my acceptance letter, now I knew who I truly was. My brother, however, was not able to prepare his application before the 1999 enrollment amendment along with 50 other family members who had the required blood quantum. To our bewilderment he and 41 others in our family cannot now be known as members of the Grand Ronde Tribe alongside our Mothers, Grandmothers, Grandfathers.

The heartache our family has endured throughout this long process of applying, appealing, court proceedings and still being denied our rightful place side by side with our ancestors. I pray we as "One People" can find a remedy.

Sincerely,  
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### Correction —

Pictured here is Tribal member **Jordan Smith**, not Jeff.



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**Prime Time** — Tribal Elder Dorothy Lawe was recently interviewed by Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) television reporter Jessica Martin for an upcoming special program about the Grand Ronde Tribe's Elder's Housing development. The program will air on OPB on Tuesday, November 27 at 9 p.m.



**Correction** — *Smoke Signals* regrets misidentifying these two young Tribal members not once, but twice. We relied on incorrect information provided to us and we apologize to the families for the mistakes. Pictured here are sisters **Victoria and Tenisha Rios**.

**All Tribal Offices and the Clinic will be CLOSED on Monday, September 3 to observe Labor Day.**