



**SAMPLE BALLOT**

**GRAND RONDE TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION DAY**

**Saturday, September 8  
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Community Center**

**General Council meetings  
will resume on  
Sunday, September 9.**

**Veteran's Memorial Fundraising Efforts**

**Garage Sale  
Depot Building  
Saturday, September 15**

Bring your garage sale items to this 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. fundraiser. Staff and readers of the *Smoke Signals* are encouraged to donate items to this event. Items not sold and not picked up by the donor may be given to a local charity. Coffee and Cinnamon Rolls will be served throughout the day.

**Fall Auction in Grand Ronde**

**Tribal Community Center on Saturday, October 20**

Bring your wallets and checkbooks to this big event. Items to be auctioned are Tribal logo items like sweatshirts, t-shirts and hats. Original signed, numbered, matted and framed pow-wow photography and Tribal Pendleton Blankets will also be on the auction block. We will be serving dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the auction will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.



Drawing by Steve Bobb

**Address Changes...**

All Tribal members who have a change of address, please contact the Enrollment office to keep it current. The Election Board and other Tribal departments are unable to make these changes for you.

**Tribal Offices & Clinic CLOSED for Holidays:**

- Monday, Sept. 3 for Labor Day
- Friday, Sept. 28 to honor National Indian Day



**Salmon Distribution**

The Tribe's annual salmon distribution was held during pow-wow week (August 13-17) at the Natural Resources Center. Elders like Tom Bean got their salmon from Natural Resources Administrative Assistant Karen Larsen.

Photo by Peta Tinda

**LETTERS**

To all our friends and family,  
We, the family of Elaine Smith, would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all who sent cards, flowers and gifts of food during this difficult time. Your kind words and prayers are very much appreciated. A special Thank You to everyone who helped with the meal after the service, you all did a wonderful job.  
Thank you,  
**Mabel Gaston  
Teresa Bailey  
Tammy Garrison**

Dear Tribal Council members, Enrollment staff, Tribal lawyer and *Smoke Signals*,

I am one of the Elders of our Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. The 1999 amendment has affected many Grand Ronde members and their families including ours. I have a daughter that is in the Tribe and a son that is not; I have a mother, sister and two brothers that are in the Tribe and a sister and two brothers that are not. All of us have the correct Grand Ronde blood quantum that is needed for enrollment.

I am asking you, the members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde that have the power and authority to help; please correct this and unite all of our people that belong and should belong to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Sincerely,  
**Martha Jean Jones**  
Roll # 4846

Dear Editor,

The history of the Grand Ronde is not complete without the history of its people. I am an Indian with Grand Ronde blood. My ancestors were forced to live at the Grand Ronde Reservation.

The U.S. Government terminated the Tribe in 1953. This termination destroyed the Tribe but it did not stop the blood from flowing in the people of Grand Ronde. The Tribe was restored in 1983. The history, heritage and culture of the people have survived.

After 150 years, Grand Ronde is now a strong sovereign nation. It has survived exterminations, removals, termination and assimilation. I am proud of the Grand Ronde Tribe and hope to one day belong as a member.

Thank you,  
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Mon., November 5	NOVEMBER 15
Mon., November 19	DECEMBER 1
Wed., December 5	DECEMBER 15
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