

2004 Candidate Statements

despite our differences. The enrollment issue awaits resolution and hopefully with the return of the surveys we can determine our efforts of the membership and move forward. The issue of open communication between Council and the membership is very important but will need more time and space than is allowed here. I will address that in my letter that is forthcoming. Other concerns I will cover will include diversification of revenue, Tribal mentorship and succession programs for the Casino and our Tribal Government, cultural programs, member benefits and the overall management of the Casino, which is vital to the continued success of our Tribe.

I will look forward to meeting with you soon.

Respectfully,

Diana George- Roll #175

Dan Provost

No statement turned in to make the deadline of Wednesday, July 15 at 5 p.m.



Ed Larsen

Dear Tribal Members,

Hi! My name is Ed Larsen; I am seeking a 5th term on Tribal Council. A lot of you know me for those of you that don't I would like to share some issues and concerns about our tribe. I have been told that I am a good listener; I hope for now you will read this and listen to me. I have been on Tribal Council almost 12 years. I have seen many things happen, a lot of them good some not so good.

Now more than ever we need to try harder to come together as a tribe. Although we are recognized federally as a government we are still a tribe and family. Most of us are related. We need to try to come together and get along, united.

Listed below are some of the accomplishments that we have had in no special order.

- Home down payment grants regardless of place of resident
- Health Insurance program for all tribal members
- Elder and disability pension plan
- Built the Tribal health clinic
- Casino
- Completion of the tribal education complex and gymnasium
- Completion of three housing projects
- Set-up per capita plan for casino revenues
- Burial Assistance Plan
- One of the very few Tribal Casino that earned the ability to Self-Regulation

- Set up Endowments for various programs

As the Tribe has grown we are now looking at satellite offices for other areas. Our first one will be in the Portland Area, with the plan to open the next in the Eugene area.

Several of the ideas above came from you as members that attend the town hall community meetings. These meetings began shortly after I was elected in 1992. I have learned a lot from you folks at these meetings. Tribal Council has used the data gathered at these meetings for priority planning and strategic planning.

I am proud and honored to have been part of all this. Projects I currently am working on listed below.



- Safety and Disaster Plan for the community, this is joint project with Tribe, Polk and Yamill County.

- Assisted living facility for our tribal elders.

- Widening of the Grand Ronde road part of safety plan.

- Working with adjoining counties Polk and Yamhill, and ODOT in making every effort in making our roads as safe as possible

I believe that one of our biggest problems is misinformation going out to the tribal members. This is being sent out by people whom I would like to think mean well, although it causes a lot of confusion and mistrust. These people are not the government, Tribal Council is. Tribal Council has a duty to help all the membership regardless where they live. This is very difficult at times, because of the member's location. We can't serve our people out of this area as well as we can our local service area. However here are some of the programs that are available regardless of where you are living.

- Down Payment Grant

- Health Care

- Burial Assistance

- Per Capita

- Education Scholarships

In closing I would like to say I am very proud of our Tribe and it is an honor to be a part of the accomplishments. It is an honor to serve you and I look forward to doing so again. I am asking for your vote in this year's election. You can contact me at the phone number listed below, or by mail at the address below.

Home phone 503-879-5741

Address PO Box 153

Grand Ronde, Or. 97347

Thank you, for your time,

Yours truly,

Ed Larsen

Val Grout

Dear Tribal Members,

My name is Val Grout, I am running for the 2004 Tribal Elections. My family on my father's side is Dave Leno & Tilmer LaChance-Leno and on my Mother's side Abe Hudson and Muade Warren-Hudson. While I could go into my families' history more, I won't, what I would like the membership to re-elect me on is my platform, which is Honesty, Integrity, and Experience. It is with these values that I have consistently provided quality leadership in the past and will continue same for the future...

Before I go into the experience and



ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Each Tribal member who desires to vote **MUST HAVE** a Signature Verification Form on file with the Election Board.

Each Tribal member who has a Signature Verification Form on file with the board will receive an Absentee Ballot. Tribal members may also submit a Signature Verification Form at the polls on Election Day.

Tribal members can obtain a Signature Verification Form from the Election Board Office. The Election Board can also be reached at 503-879-2271.