

**SUBSISTANCE SALMON DISTRIBUTION**

**DATE:** Saturday, December 4, 2004

**TIME:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**PLACE:** Natural Resources Division (Forestry)

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ID cards must be presented to receive salmon allotment.

A note and ID card is required for any tribal member you are picking up salmon for.

Notes and ID cards may be faxed to the Natural Resources office.

Distribution is for all Grand Ronde Tribal members.

Members who have already received their salmon allotment this year? Don't worry you get seconds.

Members picking up their allotment for the first time this year will receive two allotments.

**Letters**

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the community of Grand Ronde for making the Circle of Weaving basket weavers gathering a huge success! It was wonderful seeing so many of our people coming together and a blessing to have a large number of our Tribal Elders present. I would also like to thank Spirit Mountain Casino: Randy Dugger, Diana George and Toby TenEyck for being so generous. It was great to see our Tribal youth, Julian Rock, Eric Sabin, Tony Perkins and Scott Brown, pitch in and dig the pit to cook the salmon while Tribal Elder Don Day volunteered to cook the salmon. Sam Henny and the Spirit Weavers were also a blessing as they weaved spirit pouches to gift each of the participants. Pearl Mekemson was behind the scenes helping out in whatever way she could. Thanks also go out to our Honor Guard, Healing our Hearts Drum and Carol Logan who was our Spiritual Advisor during the gathering. Finally, I would like to thank our Tribal Council for their support of this event. We had a great gathering and showed our guests from neighboring Tribes what Grand Ronde hospitality is all about. I believe through more gatherings like this, we will continue healing and mending our Circle. Again, thank you all.

**Elaine LaBonte**

Tribal Tourism Project Coordinator

Dear Tribal members,

I want to get your attention before the next election, we need to be more careful who we are voting for to represent our Tribe. They need to look towards the future and "what they can do for the Tribe" and not "what the Tribe can do for them."

There are already ones who are wanting to do away with our "per capita" or invest it, but they need to realize most of the Tribal members are looking forward to receiving it and as well needing it for their families, plus we are happy to pay taxes on our "per capita" because that means at least we are getting it.

Then, there are some who want to pass that people with 1/32 bloodline (can) enroll into our Tribe. This we need to stop because if we allow hundreds and hundreds that only have this amount in, there won't be no "per capita," the Elders fund will run dry, health care will practically be non-existing and all the other sources will empty even faster. There are Tribes that stop at 1/4 or 1/8, so I believe we are being generous at 1/16 and this is where we must stop. I realize that my great grandchildren will not be able to enroll but there must be a stopping point or no one will receive "per capita," the Elders fund, health benefits or any help because there won't be nothing there. This is what I mean, that we need ones that will look towards the future.

We need candidates that will put the members first and not how they can get votes, or how low they will go to receive them. I believe the candidates for the Tribal Council should have responsibility and personal ethics for their Tribe and stop this back-biting and ugly rumors that they spread around, so they can get elected in.

We need a Tribal Council that will speak for all the Tribal members and not be puppets for the "want to be chiefs," who are telling them what to say and do. So we need to wake up and put our votes toward the ones who are for the future and who want to see the Tribe to become stronger.

So please, watch who you are voting in before its too late or they will have full control of our future and we will not be able to stop them.

Also, I would like to state that if there is anyone with a conflict of interest of any financial dealing should recuse themselves from voting. As well, all the dealings that are being brought up should be out in the open for every member to see.

**Karen Plunges**

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To The Editor,

The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority would like to offer their sincere thanks to the Grand Ronde community members who volunteered their time and effort to help in the construction of the new play area at the family housing development, Chxi Musam Illihi, on the afternoon of Friday, October 29, 2004. It was a true community effort pulling together to get a job done, and this was a shining example of volunteerism at its best! We commend each and every one of the Tribal children and adult volunteers, and we appreciate the spirit in which your time and effort was given. Many thanks!

Sincerely,

**Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority Staff**

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