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members who could aid this effort. As I look back on that year, I realize they made a decision both wise and fair: here is a clear problem, let us turn this over to the people to find a solution.

I was a member of that committee, as secretary, along with Vice Chair Diana Norton and Chair Debby Larsen. We spent an exhausting year plus conducting monthly meetings, reaching out to other Tribal members who were knowledgeable and/or had experience in this area, and even took to the road. I can't even begin to describe the sheer amount of time each and every one of us committed to this endeavor. And I thank Tribal Council at that time for making the decision to place such a large responsibility on us.

The point of this letter is that I disagree with how Leroy Good would have the Tribal Council conduct the election. The recommendation that we made to Tribal Council in 2006 was to have one Constitutional election, one vote. Keep it simple. I understand there are multiple components to an election like this, but if you make any election too complicated, it will fail. I believe that the 2008 Constitutional election was a failure because only one of the three (originally two) amendments even passed, and to be honest the relinquishment period posed the fewest problems of the three of them, meaning most of our work was for nothing. Hopefully, Tribal Council is smart enough to not make the same mistake twice.

I am not sure what Tribal Council will ultimately decide. The language they have proposed is a slight tweaking of the recommendations we made. That makes perfect sense to me. Why would you go with a proposal that already failed, even if by small margins? What I know for sure is that right now Tribal Council is trying to remain true to what I and other members of the Enrollment Requirements Ad Hoc Committee recommended they do. It may not be what some people want, but they made a commitment years ago and are sticking to it. I respect them for that.

We, as Tribal members, must encourage Tribal Council to support the measures that will resolve the enrollment issues once and for all and heal split families so we can put the enrollment problem behind us forever.

Marilyn Portwood
Roll #2915

Elders' garage sale seeking donations

Tribal Elders are regularly seeking donations of items for their fund-raising garage sales. To donate an item or items, call Tribal Elder Linda Brandon at 971-267-0918. ■

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Summer 2011 Student Employment Youth Crew member position

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, in cooperation with the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, is looking for 16 youth to work in a Summer Youth Crew Program.

These positions are designed and funded for the purpose of providing employment experience and meaningful opportunities to local area youth.

Youth Crew member
Start date: Monday, June 27, 2011
Duration: 7 weeks, 36 hours/week
End date: Friday, Aug. 12, 2011
Pay: \$8.50/hr

Duties: Work as a member of an eight-person work crew. Projects include trail construction, habitat enhancement, invasive species removal and other natural resource and community enhancement projects.

Qualifications: Must be 16-19 years of age; have the ability or experience to safely and properly use hand tools; be in good physical condition and able to work in rugged outdoor terrain. Interest in or experience in working in the outdoors helpful.

Requirements: 1) Furnish own work boots. 2) Complete and pass pre-employment background check and drug test.

Work location: Natural Resources Office, Grand Ronde. Grand Ronde is located in the foothills of the Coast Range approximately 30 miles northwest of Salem, 25 miles southwest of McMinnville or 50 miles north of Corvallis.

Applications accepted now. Closing date: Friday, May 27, 2011.

To apply: Complete the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde employment application obtained at www.grandronde.org/employment/, click the Click here to download an application link under Applicant Information. Return by the closing date.

Mail applications to: The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Fish and Wildlife Department, P.O. Box 10, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

If you have any questions or need an application sent to you, please call 503-879-2387.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Fish and Wildlife Department of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, in cooperation with Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, is seeking two fish and wildlife interns/youth crew leaders for its Summer Youth Crew program. This is a great opportunity to obtain supervisory experience and practice hands-on natural resource management techniques.

F&W Intern/ Youth Crew Leader position

Start date: Monday, June 13, 2011

Duration: 13 weeks, 40 hours/week

End date: Sept. 9, 2011

Pay: \$10.50-\$13/hr

Duties: Supervise and provide leadership to an eight-person summer youth work crew for up to eight weeks and assist the Fish and Wildlife Department for approximately six weeks. Projects may include stream and riparian restoration/enhancement, trail maintenance and construction, native vegetation plantings, habitat enhancement monitoring and other natural resource and community projects.

Qualifications: Desire to work with youth and/or in natural resources. Must be in good physical condition and be able to work in rugged outdoor terrain. Experience in the proper use of hand tools. Good communication skills.

Requirements: Work boots, valid driver's license, safe driving record. Must successfully complete pre-employment background check and drug test. Week-long leadership training provided. First aid and CPR training provided.

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JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Fish and Wildlife Department of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, in cooperation with Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, is seeking one youth crew supervisor for its Summer Youth Crew program.

Youth Crew Supervisor position
Start date: Monday, June 6, 2011
Duration: 16 weeks, 40 hours/week
End date: Sept. 23, 2011
Pay: \$13-\$15/hr

Duties: Schedule program tasks and activities, purchase crew supplies and materials, organize campouts and supervise two youth crew leaders and associated youth crews for up to 13 weeks and assist the Fish and Wildlife Department with natural resource projects for approximately 3 weeks.

Qualifications: Must have desire to work with youth and in natural resources; be in good physical condition and able to work in rugged outdoor terrain; experience with the proper use of hand tools; good communication and organization skills. Supervisory experience preferred.

Requirements: Furnish own work boots, valid driver's license with a safe driving record, must successfully pass pre-employment background check and drug test. Must be able to attend 3-day, 2-night (June 21-23, 2011) training in Bend, Ore., where first aid and CPR training are provided.

Work location: Natural Resources Office, Grand Ronde. Grand Ronde is located in the foothills of the Coast Range approximately 30 miles northwest of Salem, 25 miles southwest of McMinnville or 50 miles north of Corvallis.

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