

**Letters**

**Dear Grand Ronde Tribal members:**

Some might feel that the 2008 Bureau of Indian Affairs-conducted election was a failure because Tribal voters overwhelmingly approved only one amendment out of the three proposed amendments.

On the other hand, I feel the 2008 BIA-conducted election was a success because Tribal voters had the "freedom of choice" to vote on each proposed amendment based on each amendment's individual merits.

In the pending "Constitutional Amendment - Enrollment" Secretarial Election, it seems like the four proposed changes to our Constitutional Membership Requirements should be treated in the same manner. By that I mean Tribal voters should have the "freedom of choice" to vote on each proposed change separately. I write that based on 25 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations - Title 25) that our Tribe is subject to.

In addition to the above, I would like to set the record straight for those who do not seem to understand where I stand on all of this.

- Since the passage and approval of the 1999 amendment to our Tribal Constitution, my No. 1 priority has been our membership requirements and working to see that Grand Ronde Indians, who have the correct blood quantum, are allowed to enroll in our Tribe, which is their Tribe.
- All of the members of my immediate family, which is myself and my four children, are enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal members. My mother and my three siblings and all of my nieces and nephews are enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal members.
- Countless other Grand Ronde Tribal members, as well as myself, have publicly advocated for the total removal of the requirement to have a parent on a Grand Ronde roll that is presently part of our Constitutional Membership Requirements. Based on the findings of the Enrollment Requirements Ad-Hoc Committee, the majority of our Grand Ronde Tribal people who are being denied have been denied because of this requirement. Yet, most of those who fall under this requirement have one or more ancestors on the Restoration Roll. In a sense, because of the parent on a Grand Ronde roll requirement, we are denying some of the very people that Grand Ronde was restored for.
- It is my belief that Grand Ronde blood is ancestral, meaning it comes from our Grand Ronde ancestors who were on Grand Ronde rolls or records from the time our Reservation was officially created by the presidential Executive Order of June 30, 1857, up to and including Restoration.
- In my opinion, our Tribe's membership requirements issue is not entirely about split and denied families, but more about who is a Grand Ronde Indian and who is not. I write that based on our Tribe's Constitutional Membership Requirements from 1984 to 1999, which required an applicant show "lineal descent from any person who was named on any roll or records of Grand Ronde members prepared by the Department of the Interior prior to the effective date of this Constitution." Some split and denied families do not appear to have those ancestral ties that were supposed to have been required at the time that they were allowed to enroll.

In closing, I continue to urge you to contact each member of Tribal Council about this issue and others that are of concern to you.

**Leroy Good**  
Roll # 892

**Dear Smoke Signals:**

No doubt you have been hearing on the news about the terrible tornado that hit Joplin, Missouri, and cut out a half-mile path of devastation.

I received a note today from Toby McClary saying that William and Laura Daugherty Mix were trying to reach me. They live in Joplin and have lost everything. Presently, they are living in a motel yet they are able to receive mail at their former address because the post office is holding their mail for them.

Please hold this family in your prayers. If you can help, please write to William and Laura Mix at 2110 Delaware, Joplin, MO 64804 or call them at 417-629-6519.

I know we see Americans suffering from floods and tornadoes and think, "What can we do to help?" This family puts a face, a phone number and an address on the current event that happened in Joplin and I am sure William and Laura would appreciate any help we can give them.

William and Laura have four children; Billy born 1985, Jeannie born 1989, Sally born 1991 and Thomas born 2002. (Jeannie has a newborn son born on Mother's Day of this year.) Praise the Lord, no one was hurt in their family, but they have to start all over from scratch. They aren't sure yet where they will live.

Laura is a Tribal descendant. She was denied membership for the reason, no parent on the roll the year she was born even though her mother is a Tribal member. She is the daughter of Tribal member Alene Low Daugherty and Alene is not in good health.

Laura is the granddaughter of Floyd and Tribal member Rose Mae Tyler Low. Rose Mae is now deceased.

Laura is the great-granddaughter of Robert and Marteen Jefferies Tyler; the great-great-granddaughter of William Henry Jefferies and Madora Lafflore Smith; and the great-great-great-granddaughter of John Edward Jefferies and Josette Quenelle and William Smith and Elizabeth Barker.

Thank you for your kind consideration of William and Laura Mix and Lord's blessings to you all.

**Rosemary Jameson**  
Roll #883

# Summer credit recovery is back

Summer Credit Recovery will be back this summer. If you are a Tribal descendant or Native high school student who failed a class this last school year, then you will be eligible for our program. We will be starting on June 13 and it will run to Aug. 12. The hours for the credit recovery lab will be Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. All other hours will need to be by appointment. Examples of classes we have to offer are Algebra 1, Geometry, Physical Science, U.S. History and English 1. Qualifying students in the Willamina and Sheridan school districts will be eligible, though students from outside the area may be eligible with a letter of commitment from their schools. The cost for the program will be a \$50 deposit, which is fully refundable upon completion of the program. For more information, contact Christopher Bailey at 503-879-4534 or by e-mail at [chris.bailey@grandronde.org](mailto:chris.bailey@grandronde.org). ■

# Grand Ronde Royalty

Royalty participants and their parent or sponsor must attend all required events (powwows, parades, fundraisers, organizational meetings and others). Absences can be prearranged with the Royalty Coordinator. Three unexcused absences will result in disqualification from Royalty. Royalty participants are expected to stay for the duration of the events. This includes helping set up for events, such as meetings and parades, as well as dancing during Grand Entry, InterTribals and staying until the flags are retired unless pre-approved with the Royalty Coordinator. Participants are expected to speak in front of large groups of people. Royalty participants must be willing and able to dance. **Remember: You are all part of a team and are expected to treat yourselves, running mates and others with respect at all times.**

## GRAND RONDE ROYALTY COURT

Participating in Royalty Court is an excellent opportunity for Tribal girls and young women to learn our traditions and powwow protocol. Participants represent the Tribe by attending powwows and various community events.

We encourage all young woman ages 5-18 to join. Participants must provide their regalia.

Serving on Royalty Court requires a considerable commitment from the participant and her sponsor; travel, fundraisers, classes and meetings are required for all competing participants.

- Little Miss Grand Ronde — 5-8 years of age**
- Junior Miss Grand Ronde — 9-13 years of age**
- Senior Miss Grand Ronde — 14-18 years of age**

**General Requirements:**

1. Enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member
2. Must be alcohol and drug free
3. Never married, no children
5. Attend school regularly and be in good standing
6. Sign and comply with Royalty Guidelines and Agreement

## ~ OFFICIAL APPLICATION ~

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name, Address and Phone (if different than a parent): \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to participate in Royalty? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Signature (if different than a parent) \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this application to: Public Relations,  
9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347  
Deadline: 5 p.m. June 17**