

## Election Board office open until Sept. 6

The Tribal Election Board office is open for business through Thursday, Sept. 6. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. The office's phone number is 503-879-2271 and fax number is 503-879-4538. The Election Board office is located in the Tribal Community Center. ■

### NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Aug. 22.....	5 p.m.

Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.

## Letters

### Dear *Smoke Signals*:

Regarding the per capita petitions:

The per capita petitions were mailed separately to each member of Tribal Council on July 18, 2012. All but one Tribal Council person received the petitions on July 20, 2012. One Tribal Council member refused the package and returned it back to Leroy Good.

There were 376 signatures on the per capita petitions. Three hundred and 76 signatures are about one-third of the Tribal members who actually vote and 376 signatures far exceeded our goal of 200 signatures; 376 votes have elected folks into Tribal Council.

I have seen a few Tribal Elders speak against serving alcohol at Tribal events and Tribal Council listened to them; so if a few people speaking on a subject can move our Tribal Council to action, I can see that 376 people speaking on a subject would certainly move our Tribal Council to take the requested action on per capita also.

Because there is no requirement in our Constitution or various ordinances that says you need two-thirds of the members to create a petition asking your Tribal Council to bring forth an action; the Tribal Council has received our petitions containing 376 signatures about two weeks ago. It is up to Tribal Council now if they will take positive action after hearing the voices of the people.

Thank you, Leroy Good, for your effort on this great project for the Grand Ronde people. Thank you, Tribal members, for your support of the fairest member benefit we receive - per capita.

Best to all,

**Rosemary Jameson**  
Roll #883

### Dear *Smoke Signals*:

I learned many things during my time at Adult Education. I enjoyed working there very much. I was nervous when I started because I wasn't sure if I would be able to do the jobs that were given to me. I found out that I was a little smarter than I thought! I was able to do everything pretty well and I didn't need to be too nervous.

Here are a few things that I liked: Luhui Whitebear was very helpful in answering my questions and was kind to me when I didn't know what to do about a job.

This made it easier for me to go ask her when things weren't going well.

Brian Langley made many jokes, which made me laugh and he was nice to me. I didn't think he was going to be that nice. World Champion Elk Callers aren't usually that nice!!

Josh Clift was great because we shared the same great name! He helped me increase my skill at wrapping boxes and blankets!

John Harp scared me at first. No smile, just a stare! After a short time, I learned that John was very nice and caring. He also saved me from doing scholarships!

Trinity Minahan, Debbie Bachman, April Campbell and Marion Mercier were also very kind and helpful when I needed help in completing my tasks. I enjoyed working there very much.

I learned so much about filing, computers, copying, shredding and, most importantly, wrapping. I learned a lot about Microsoft Excel and video editing.

This job helped me to see that I can do things that make me a little nervous and that I can do a good job. I liked everything about this job and I hope that there is a chance I could work here in the future.

I hope if I work there again, maybe next year, that there won't be any scholarship stuff to do! I am seeing scholarship things in my sleep. Just kidding!

Thank you for everything that you have done. I really liked and enjoyed my time there!

**Josh Biery**  
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## General Council Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 9 — 11 a.m.  
Tribal Community Center

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