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UMPQUA

MOLALLA

ROGUE RIVER

KALAPUYA

CHASTA



Photo by Toby McClary

Light Shines On Vets' Memorial

Local Skyline — The spirit of Memorial Day was present for the entire Memorial Day weekend. This photo was taken on the evening of Saturday, May 27, as the clouds separated and allowed the sun rays to shine down on the West Valley Veterans' Memorial in Grand Ronde. The annual Memorial Day event took place on Monday, May 29, and was an open invitation to all Veterans and their families. **STORY AND MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 5.**

Local Graduations Held



Photo by Toby McClary

To Cool For School — Tribal member Nathan Mueller, (far left with sunglasses) waits with other members of his graduating class at the 2006 Willamina Graduation Ceremony held at Glenn Larkins Field in Willamina on Saturday, May 27. **STORY AND MORE PHOTOS ON PAGES 6-7.**

\$1.7 Million In Gifts

■ The Tribe's Spirit Mountain Community Fund assigns gifts for second quarter.

By Ron Karten

The Spirit Mountain Community Fund has approved \$1.7 million dollars to 36 non-profits across its 11-county service area.

The grants reach three arts and culture non-profits (\$145,000), 18 in education (\$535,746), two for the environment (\$230,000), nine for health (\$289,000) and four for Public Safety (\$540,000).

"The Tribe continues to demonstrate our unwavering commitment to giving back to the communities who've supported us and now need our support," said Siobhan Taylor, Tribal Public Affairs Director. "This latest round of giving underscores our tradition of sharing what we have with our community. It also affirms our conviction to make a difference in key areas that greatly affect quality of life for our Tribe and for all Oregonians: education, health, public safety, arts and culture, environment and historic preservation."

Here's how the dollars were spent:

Arts and Culture

The Hillsboro Artists Regional Theatre (HART) received \$20,000 as a challenge grant requiring HART to raise another \$20,000 elsewhere. The grant will help fund interior

construction and renovation of a theatre space in downtown Hillsboro estimated to cost \$600,000 in all. This is the group's first grant from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund (SMCF).

Portland Center Stage received its second grant from the Community Fund this year: a challenge grant giving \$100,000 requiring Portland Center Stage to raise another \$100,000 elsewhere. The grant will go to build the theatre company "Sliver Park," providing a venue for outdoor performances and community events, and a permanent home for the long time Portland-based theatre company. The project will incorporate an international model of sustainable design, aiming to be the first performing arts facility in the world to achieve a LEED Platinum rating. It will serve 100,000 a year. Previously, SMCF has given the group \$23,000.

The Salem Art Association received \$25,000 for a project called, "Preservation of Oregon's Artistic Heritage," that will document on film the lives and impact of Oregon artists Rick Bartow and Betty LaDuke. Previously, the art association received \$203,700 through nine SMCF grants.

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