

Names Added To Veterans' Memorial In Grand Ronde Ceremony



Tribal Elder & Chairman of Grand Ronde Veterans' Committee Gene LaBonte



Above, the Honor Guard march in to post the colors. Below, the Eagle Staff in front of the Veterans' Memorial.

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■ The men and women who served their country are remembered, celebrated.

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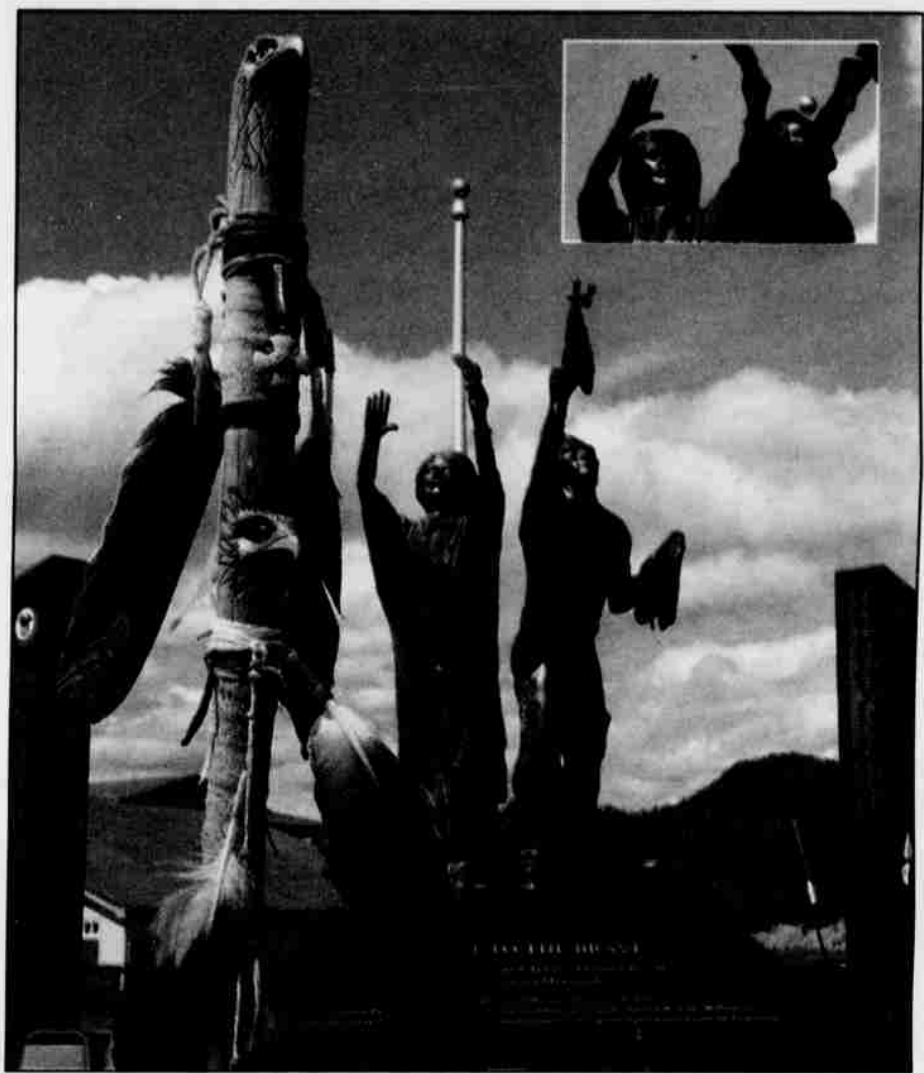
On Monday, May 29, Grand Ronde hosted its Annual Memorial Day Celebration in front of the Veterans' Memorial. About 100 people attended the event and Tribal Chairwoman Cheryl Kennedy gave the welcoming speech. In her speech, Kennedy acknowledged all Veterans that have sacrificed their lives as well as the Veterans that sit on Grand Ronde's Tribal Council.

Also in attendance was Director of Veterans' Affairs Jim Willis. Willis spoke on the importance of honoring those who have served and are currently serving our country. Lloyd Abbott, who has served as the Chaplin for Grand Ronde's Honor Guard for the last several years, provided invocations throughout the Memorial Day events.

David Twine, a traditional bagpipe player, was also on hand to play an honor song with his bagpipes.

Grand Ronde's Honor Guard was joined by American Legion Post 75, AM-VETS Post 2000, VFW Post 4211 and the Northwest Indians Veterans' Association, in visiting many of the local cemeteries. The Honor Guard presented flags to many families and put flags on gravesites. After the invocation, the Honor Guard fired a 21-gun salute to honor those that have passed on in the line of duty.

Chairman of the Grand Ronde Veterans' Committee and Tribal Elder Gene LaBonte and his wife Billie were responsible for most of the planning and organization of this year's Memorial Day Celebration.



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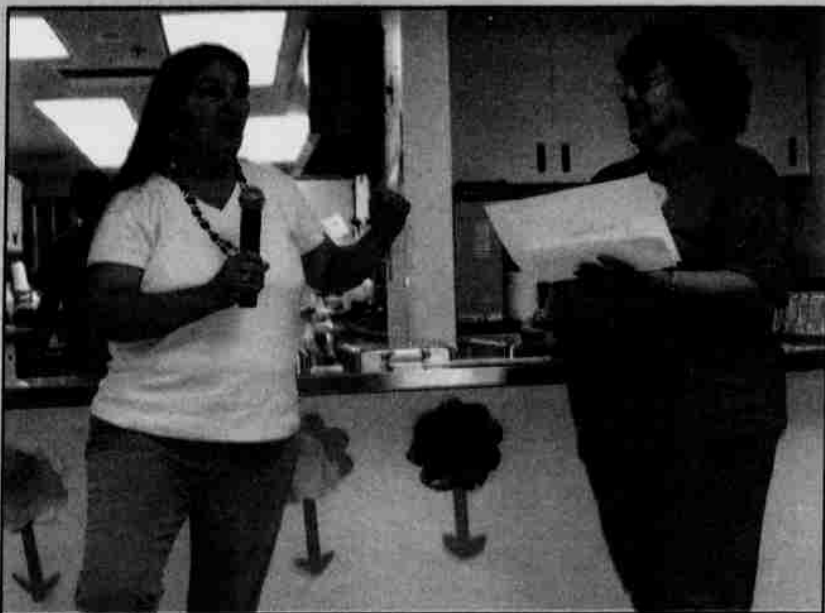


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Tribal member Pearl Mekemson (left) presents the "Biggest Loser" award to Tribal Elder Violet Folden. Along with the award, Folden won \$245.75.

Tribal Youth Beach Trip



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On Friday, June 1, the Youth Education Department took several students to Pacific City for the day. The students entertained themselves with hot dog roasting, volleyball and climbing the big sand dune. Here, the students practice their volleyball skills in front of historic Haystack Rock.