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UMPQUA

MOLALLA

ROGUE RIVER

KALAPUYA

CHASTA



Photo by Toby McClary

Flash Point — Willamina's 4th of July celebration offers a variety of events throughout the day. This year, the events included an arm wrestling tournament, a parade, a blues concert from the Jake Blair Band and the evening ended with a 45-minute fireworks display. Vendors also line Main Street in Willamina offering many things from elephant ears to exotic pets. **MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 6.**

Working Class Heroes Are Something To See

■ Security staffers Charles Vinson, Roel Hernandez and Mitch Cheselka go beyond the call during a fatal accident on Hwy. 18.

By Ron Karten

At 10:30 a.m. on the morning of Sunday, June 25th, Sharon Hartley, 40, of Klamath Falls, driving east on Highway 18, crossed the center line sideswiping Tribal member Shonn Leno, driving his Ford pickup west.

Hartley ran Leno off the road doing minor damage to his 2000 F-250 Ford pickup in the process, and he was not hurt.

Hartley, with her 83-year-old mother in the passenger seat, continued driving east in the westbound lane on Highway 18.

Then, she drove head-on into two motorcyclists — Timothy Clark, 51, of Hillsboro and David Randolph, 51, of McMinnville, friends and fellow-workers — killing them instantly. Both wore helmets.

Randolph, according to his obituary was a skydiver who had made more than 1,000 jumps.

Riding on the back of Randolph's 2005 Harley Davidson

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Elders Foster Care Homes Ready

■ "It is time now to think about those that made it possible."

By Ron Karten

On Wednesday, July 5, all of the Tribal Council members were on hand, as well as many Elders and many care providers. People were seated under tents in the parking lot on Blacktail Drive and down the block. The sun was shining.

The Grand Ronde Color Guard posted the colors. The Housing Board of Commissioners was there.

Tribal Elder Leon "Chips" Tom provided the invocation.

"It is time now to think about those that made it possible," said the Tribe's first Housing Authority Chair

and Tribal Elder Robert Watson.

"The critical thing," he said, "is the staff you have. You can have the greatest facility but you have to have the people. You have to have the philosophy. You have to have the monitoring and the training."

Tribal Elder Val Grout talked about her sister, Arlene Beck, who passed on recently. "How can I stand up here and be brave enough not to cry?" she said. "Arlene Beck was my big sister. I was afraid of the dark."

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Tribal Council Nominations



Photo by Toby McClary

Rescheduled — A special nomination meeting was held on Sunday, July 9. The nominees are: Cheryle Kennedy, Jack Giffen, Jr., Jackie Whisler, Ed Pearsall, Valorie Sheker-Robertson, Rebecca Crocker, Betty Bly, Patsy Pullin and Perri McDaniel.



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