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UMPQUA

MOLALLA

ROGUE RIVER

KALAPUYA

CHASTA



Photo by Toby McClary

Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski met Grand Ronde's oldest living Elder Nora Kimsey during his visit to the Tribal campus on Friday, May 11. Also pictured is Kimsey's daughter, Tribal Elder Margaret Provost (l), and Tribal Council Chair Chris Mercier. Aside from a scheduled meeting with Tribal Council, Kulongoski toured the Tribe's Clinic, the Tribal Library, and the Tribal Education Complex and made a surprise visit to Tribal Elder Hubert Mercier. **STORY AND MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 3.**

Public Hearing
Enrollment Amendment

Sunday, June 3, 2007

9am - Noon
Government Building
Council Chambers

Lunch served in the
Community Center
at noon



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Elder's Feature

Happiness Is Having The One You Love

By Ron Karten

"I am very, very happy," said Tribal Elder Norma Lee, who is 81. She explained herself: "My husband (Dale Lee, 87) is doing all right."

"And I'm doing real good."

A hard working, keep busy type since she was little, Lee has always understood the concept of giving back. "When I was young," she said, "I worked all the time, but I didn't want the money." She gave it to her parents.

She attended Chemawa Indian School during the war years 1942-44, and recalls making baskets there. "I wish I'd kept it up," she said.

Later in the 1940s, Lee worked with her sister, Tribal Elder Margaret McAbee (see *Smoke Signals*, 4/15/03 issue) as a Nurses Aide at Cushman Hospital, an Indian hospital in Tacoma.



Photo courtesy of Norma Lee

Tribal Elder Norma Lee

One of the things she remembers about that time is this: "I handed

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