

Tribal girl powers Cascade High to softball title

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Smoke Signals editor

CORVALLIS — Tribal Elder Nancy Coleman is one proud grandmother.

Her granddaughter, Tribal member Rachele Coleman, hit a two-run homer for Turner's Cascade High School softball team to help them win the school's second straight OSAA 4A championship game against Henley High of Klamath Falls on Saturday, June 4.

Not bad for a freshman.

With the game tied 1-1, Rachele watched her cousin, Sommer Coleman, get hit by a pitch from Henley's Rylee Carleton to lead off the fourth inning.

Rachele followed her cousin by taking a curveball and hitting it over the left field fence at the Oregon State Softball Complex to give the Cougars a 3-1 lead.

It was Rachele's second homer of the season and helped Cascade eventually beat Henley 5-1.

"That was about as big a spark as you're going to get right there,"

said Cascade coach Tim Ganfield. "And I guess at that point we just needed somebody to step up, and thankfully somebody always has this year. Somebody always provided something."

"You don't expect your No. 7 hitter in the order to be able to do that. We've seen it in practice. I guess she picked a pretty good stage to do it in."

Rachele plays second base for Cascade, taking the spot vacated by last year's only senior.

"Rachele got in there and did a nice job," Ganfield said. "And the last couple of weeks, we've kind of gone with Rachele in there. She's done very well, especially today. She had a great day."

"It's awesome," Rachele said. "It's like the best feeling in the world."

Rachele is the daughter of Tribal member Randy Coleman and his wife Tammy.

Includes information from the Salem *Statesman Journal*. ■



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Cascade High School freshman and Tribal member Rachele Coleman, center, is congratulated by teammates as she crosses home plate after hitting a home run during the OSAA Class 4A state championship game against Henley of Klamath Falls on Saturday, June 4, in Corvallis. Coleman's home run helped Cascade defeat Henley 5-1 for the state title.

Recycle Center moved

The Recycle Center has been moved temporarily to 9675 Grand Ronde Road. For more information, contact Tribal Facilities Manager Michael J. Larsen at 503-879-2407. ■

Chinuk Wawa classes offered

The Tribal Cultural Education Department offers adult Chinuk Wawa language classes from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday in Room 207 of the Tribal Education Building. Language classes can be taken for college credit or for fun. For more information, contact Chinuk Wawa teacher Kathy Cole at 503-879-2249 or 503-437-4599. ■

Camp seeks teen boys

The Tribe's Youth Education Program is holding a two-day Camp Dakota in Scotts Mills on Thursday and Friday, June 16-17, that is open to male Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde members, descendants and enrolled Native Americans who were in sixth, seventh or eighth grade during the 2010-11 school year.

The camp will start with a trip to the Oregon Zoo in Washington Park in Portland and then will travel and include going through a ropes course, riding a zip line, playing paintball and running radio-controlled cars over the two days.

For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Chris Bailey at 503-879-4534 or chris.bailey@grandronde.org. ■



Reeled in

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Tribal Elder Marion Mercler takes a picture of Tribal Elder Nancy Norton as she shows off a rainbow trout she caught during the Elders' Fishing Trip at Henry Hagg Lake in Forest Grove on Thursday, June 9. The semi-annual trip is put on by the Tribal Fish & Wildlife Committee.



Tribal Elder Cherie Butler helps Tribal Elder Richard Ray tie a rubber duck that he used as a buoy on his fishing line.

With it being her first time ever fishing, Tribal Elder Cassandra Scott watches as Tribal Elder John Lillard shows her how to cast during the Elders' Fishing Trip at Henry Hagg Lake in Forest Grove on Thursday, June 9. In the background fishing is Tribal member Kevin Schultz, a Fish & Wildlife Committee member.

