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## Tribal Council asks BIA to cancel election

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

**T**ribal Council voted 6-0 on Wednesday, May 14, to request that the Department of the Interior discontinue the June 6 constitutional election because of procedural errors at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Siletz Agency Office.

Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno read a statement during the meeting that said the Tribe “has learned of several procedural errors in the current constitutional amendment election. These errors were caused by the BIA Siletz Agency Office’s failure to follow federal regulations for conducting secretarial elections.

“As a result, effective today the Northwest Regional Office on its own initiative removed the BIA Siletz Agency from any further involvement in this election.

“Unfortunately, Tribal Council believes the integrity of the election process has already been seriously compromised by the actions of the Siletz Agency.”

Tribal members were scheduled to vote on two proposed amendments during the June 6 election. One would have exorcised the Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Indian Affairs from the Tribe’s constitutional amendment election process and the other would have instituted term limits on Tribal Council service.

Leno said a new constitutional election probably will be scheduled following the September Tribal

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno gifts U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley a necklace before Merkley speaks during the Tribe’s annual Memorial Day ceremony at the West Valley Veterans Memorial on the Tribal campus on Monday, May 26.

## MEMORIAL DAY 2014

### Tribe hosts annual ceremonial meal, name dedication

By Ron Karten

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**U**nder sunny skies and a refreshing breeze, the 12th anniversary of the dedication of the West Valley Veterans Memorial saw more than 250 people attend the annual commemoration of area veterans.

On Monday, May 26, events started with a noon meal of ceremonial elk stew prepared under the direction of Tribal Nutrition

Department Manager Kristy DeLoe. She again was joined in cooking this year’s meal by Tribal cook Kevin Campbell.

Tribal Elder and former Tribal Council Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison gave the invocation. A drum group including Bobby Mercier, Brian Krehbiel, Jan Looking Wolf Reibach, Gregg Leno and Siletz Tribal member Willie Towner drummed and sang. They would again at the opening of the outdoor ceremony

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Tribal Royalty, including Senior Miss Grand Ronde Goldie Bly, Junior Miss Grand Ronde Iyana Holmes, Little Miss Grand Ronde

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## Chachalu fired up for Phase I opening



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

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**T**he Grand Ronde Tribe and community, near and far, are invited to the opening of the first phase of Chachalu, the Tribal Museum and Cultural Center, at 4 p.m. Thursday, June 5.

Chachalu is a Tualatin Kalapuya word meaning “place of the burning timber.”

This cultural dream of the Tribal community, almost since Restoration, is now undeniably on

its way.

“Word about Chachalu is spreading fast through our Tribal membership and regional academic communities,” said Land and Culture Department Manager Jan Looking Wolf Reibach, one of the leads in making this happen.

“With a great interest in this new chapter in the Tribe’s cultural history, inquiries to donate

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Julie Brown, front, Tribal Cultural Exhibits supervisor, and Bradley Leno, Tribal Cultural interpretative specialist, hang a map of the Lewis and Clark Expedition of the Columbia River as they prepare for the opening of Chachalu, the Tribal Museum and Cultural Center, on Wednesday, May 28. Chachalu is opening on Thursday, June 5.