

Flag request



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Angela Fasana, left, and Tribal Chairman, and her father, Reyn Leno display the Grand Ronde Tribal flag as KATU-TV photojournalist Kevin Farmer films them during an interview with the Portland television station in the Willamina High School gym on Thursday, May 21. Fasana was interviewed by reporter Hillary Lake about the continuing issue of her request to the Willamina School Board to hang the Tribal flag in the gym. The next School Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, where the board is scheduled to make a decision regarding the request.

Royalty seeking past members

Previous Grand Ronde Royalty queens and princesses are being sought as the current Royalty Court is compiling a picture and biography collection of current and past Royalty for the Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center, 8720 Grand Ronde Road.

“It would be great to have any past pictures and dates that you were on Royalty Court, as well as a short bio of who you are,” said Royalty Coordinator Chelsea Clark.

Contact Clark at 503-879-1418 or through e-mail at chelsea.clark@grandronde.org. Letters can be sent to 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347. ■

Fee assistance

Enrolled Tribal members can request assistance with test fees (i.e. GRE, SAT, LSAT, ACT) and admissions application fees. Contact Higher Education for more information at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2275. ■

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC RECORDS AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT ORDINANCES OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council is considering adoption of amendments to the Public Records and Fiscal Management Ordinances. The proposed amendments were given a First Reading at the May 6, 2015, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments would: (1) allow for distribution of Tribal government audited financial statements (without informational notes and management discussion and analysis) to adult Tribal members; (2) make unauthorized distribution of audited financial statements a violation of Tribal law; and (3) make various technical amendments.

Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments to the Public Records and Fiscal Management Ordinances. For a copy of the proposed amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney’s Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney’s Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org. Comments must be received by Tuesday, June 30, 2015. ■

Looking for scholarships?

There are numerous scholarship opportunities offered for students to apply to each year. The majority of scholarships for fall term/semester are due between January and April of each year.

The Tribal Higher Education programs are here to assist you in your application process. If you use a scholarship search site, be sure to read the privacy policy to ensure you are using a site that will not sell your contact information. A recommended search site to use is www.kaarme.com. ■

Natives have highest service per capita

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they know. I deal with veterans from all eras. It's always an honor to see them.”

Keynote speaker Cameron Smith, the director of the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs, was a Marine Corps captain and served three tours in Iraq.

Smith said that he came to Grand Ronde after spending the morning at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

“On behalf of Governor Kate Brown, it is an honor for me to join you today,” said Smith. “First and foremost I want to thank our hosts – the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. The Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs has long had a strong relationship with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.”

Smith said he is always impressed with the service record of Native Americans.

“Tribal citizens served in the military at a higher rate per capita than any other group,” said Smith. “Despite a long and complicated history between our Tribes and the federal government, our Tribal citizens have never hesitated to serve and protect our shared homeland. That service and sacrifice speaks absolutely volumes for the Tribe’s warrior culture. Our Tribes are incredibly generous in their support for our military and veterans



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Grand Ronde Princess Mabel Brisbois hands Tribal Elder Buddy West a roll during the meal served during the 13th annual Memorial Day Ceremony held in the Tribal Community Center on Monday, May 25.

with events like this one and you have my and the governor’s deep appreciation.”

When the speakers concluded for the day, Bobb introduced local veteran Ernie Keeler to read the one Marine Corps name (Timothy J. Giddings); Albert Miller read the 13 names for the Navy (Tribal member Allen Langley, Cal Edward Landon, Gerald and Anthony Eisele, Emil Evans, Richard Houston, Jerry Babcock, Andrew Schryvers, William Carl, George Spelts, Ronald Ksionsk, Janos Sandor Vamos and Michael Carl); Veterans’ Royalty queens Amelia Mooney and Savan-

nah Ingram read the four Air Force names (Robert Voytilla, Dan Ham, Harlan Houston and Anthony Foster); and Tribal Elder and veteran Raymond Petite read the 13 Army names (Richard Werst, Lee Roy Smith Jr., Matthew McCandless, Eric Boyce, Vernon Edwards, Jacob Schryvers, Tribal member Abraham Tom, Darrell Burres, Bruce Carl, Tribal members Peter Sulkey and William Langley, Larry Baker and Ray Brown).

A total of 31 names were added to the West Valley Veterans Memorial this year, bringing the total to 2,314.

Tribal Elder Bob Tom said that his father, Abraham, was full-blooded Grand Ronde and was born in 1891. Tom said his father served in Company B of the 163rd Infantry. Forty-five Tom family members traveled to Grand Ronde to honor Abraham.

This year’s event marked the first time those present to witness their names read and added to the memorial were welcomed to meet and greet the dignitaries in attendance so they could be recognized.

“The reading of the names is to honor and to salute those that have served this nation from our communities of Grand Ronde, Willamina and Sheridan,” said Bobb. “Thank you for being here with us today as we celebrate those who have honored and served this nation. Think about those people today who are out there serving, defending and protecting freedoms that we not only have here, but for those that are living in turmoil in other countries. Take care of each other.”

After a poem reading by Bud Abbott, Land and Culture Manager Jan Looking Wolf Reibach played “Amazing Grace” on the Native flute and then played the opening of taps before giving way to Bob Thornton who finished the traditional veterans’ solo on his trumpet.

The colors were then retired until next year when new names and new stories will be added. ■