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Forum attracts all 8 candidates

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As many as 60 Tribal members, a handful of staff members and all eight Tribal Council candidates attended the Candidates Forum held Wednesday, July 29, at the Tribal Community Center.

After Tribal Elder and former Tribal Council member Val Grout gave the invocation, the meeting was called to order by Tribal Assistant General Manager Bryan Langley, who acted as the host for the evening event.

Langley said candidates would answer questions in the order they appear on the ballot and that questions could only be asked by enrolled Tribal members.

General Manager Dawn Doar operated the timer and Enrollment Specialist Jolanda Catabay verified that questions were from Tribal members.

All eight candidates running for Tribal Council introduced themselves with opening statements. Each candidate answered three rounds of questions, including a question posed to them from the Tribe's executive office, and then each candidate gave a closing statement. The forum took about two hours to complete.

Langley said the question-and-answer session would be similar to past events with all questions posed to candidates determined by random draw.

Each candidate was allowed three minutes for an opening remark and introduction and they were given two minutes to respond to each question. Each candidate was allotted three minutes for a closing statement.

Candidates talked about a wide range of topics in their opening statements, including bringing

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Interim Assistant General Manager and Higher Education Manager Bryan Langley calls the next candidate to the podium to give their opening statement during the Tribal Council Candidates Forum at the Tribal Community Center on Wednesday, July 29.



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Clockwise from top left, "Wood Grain" by Travis Stewart; "Willow Basket" by Tribal Elder Connie Graves; "In Remembrance of My Father" by Tribal Council member Jon A. George; "Cedar Hat" by Greg Archuleta; "Doll," adorned in a cedar bark cape, hat and skirt with bear grass beads and cattail shoes by Graves; "Grasshopper Bunk Rail" by Stewart; "Cedar Hat" by Brian Krehbiel; "Bronze Belt Buckle" by David Harrelson; and "Winter is Coming" by Stewart, center, can be viewed in the Ikanum exhibit at Chehalem Cultural Center in Newberg. The exhibit runs through Sept. 19.

Ikanum exhibit displays Tribal artisans' work

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NEWBERG — Grand Ronde Tribal artisans have joined other artists from throughout Oregon who are being featured as part of the Ikanum art exhibit at the Chehalem Cultural Center, 415 E. Sheridan St., Newberg.

Ikanum features contemporary artwork from the Columbia River and Willamette Valley. Ikanum are traditional stories that are often told through markings on a wall, the pattern in a weave, the shadows cast in

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