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Educational sessions review proposed amendments to Tribal Constitution



Photo by Dean Rhodes

By Dean Rhodes
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The second of three educational sessions to review two proposed amendments to the Tribal Constitution attracted 53 Tribal members to the Governance Center Atrium on Wednesday, May 18.

The first session was held the day before at Portland Community College's Sylvania campus and attracted 18 Tribal members and the third

session was held Thursday, May 19, at Lane Community College in Eugene, attracting 16 Tribal members.

The two proposed amendments to the Tribal Constitution, which will be decided in a July 8 vote by Tribal members who register with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, would affect the powers

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Tribal Attorney Rob Greene explains the two proposed constitutional amendments that Tribal voters will consider during the July 8 election during an educational session held in the Governance Center Atrium on Wednesday, May 18.

Tribal exercise to prepare for massive earthquake

By Dean Rhodes
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The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will join the state, surrounding counties and fire districts, and Oregon's eight other federally recognized Tribes in a four-day exercise from Tuesday, June 7, through Friday, June 10, to prepare for a potentially catastrophic earthquake occurring off the Pacific Ocean coast.

Dubbed "Cascadia Rising," the area-wide exercise will simulate a full rupture of the Cascadia Subduction Zone causing a 9.0 earthquake and tsunami along the Oregon coast. The simulation also will take into account the thousands of aftershocks that would probably follow such a geological event.

If an earthquake of that magnitude occurred, emergency management officials expect substantial damage to infrastructure in western Washington and Oregon, including many highway overpasses and bridges collapsing, which would cause travel restrictions throughout the Pacific Northwest and affect delivery of everything from food to fuel to medical supplies.

Significant transportation infrastructure damage also could strand Pacific Northwest residents in their

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Tribal youth JC Rogers sings the national anthem during the 14th annual Memorial Day Ceremony held at the West Valley Veterans Memorial on the Tribal campus on Monday, May 30. Behind her are guest speakers Joel Dulashanti, Portland area regional president of the Purple Heart Association, middle, and Ed Van Dyke, deputy director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs.

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Eleven names added to Veterans Memorial

By Brent Merrill
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Memorial Day saw 11 new names added to the West Valley Veterans' Memorial in Grand Ronde on Monday, May 30.

The ceremony under sunny

skies marked the memorial's 14th anniversary.

The traditional first rifle salute was heard throughout Grand Ronde at 8:16 a.m. as the Grand Ronde Honor Guard honored veterans buried at the Tribal Cemetery.

Grand Ronde Veterans Special Event Board Chairman Steve Bobb Sr. said the Honor Guard then traveled to Willamina Cemetery, Buck Hollow Cemetery

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