

Starlight Parade



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Little Miss Grand Ronde Kaleigha Simi, left, and Junior Miss Grand Ronde Isabelle Grout take a selfie while riding in a 1967 Chevy Camaro during the Portland General Electric/SOLVE Starlight Parade in downtown Portland on Saturday, June 4. In the background is Veterans Special Event Board Princess Iyana Holmes, second from right, and Veterans Special Event Board Junior Queen Amaryssa Mooney.



Tribal Elder Deitz Peters, right, along with his wife, Rose, and their grandson Ethan Breckheimer wave to the crowd while walking in the Portland General Electric/SOLVE Starlight Parade in downtown Portland on Saturday, June 4.

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claim.

"We need to build the capability to handle that," McDonald said. "The average veteran uses the VA for only 34 percent of their health care. If that goes to 35 percent, we need a budget increase of \$1.4 billion. That's a huge difference."

McDonald added that Veterans Affairs needs to build a system that can handle Afghanistan and Iraq veterans when they start turning 50 and 60 years of age.

In response to a question from Leno about the increase in aging veterans, McDonald said that Veteran Affairs needs to improve at predicting demand and work with Congress to obtain the budgetary resources needed to handle that demand.

During the hourlong Town Hall, McDonald also discussed successful efforts to reduce the number of homeless veterans, helping current military personnel transition out of the service into private industry jobs, and how valuable the Department of Veterans Affairs is to American medicine because of its groundbreaking medical research, training of doctors and clinical training for residents.

Grand Ronde Tribal veterans who attended the Town Hall included Wink Soderberg (Navy), Raymond Petite (Army) and Steve Bobb Sr. (Marine Corps), and community veterans Bob Duncan, Dennis Kleffner, Ron Tuomi and Al Miller.

Tribal Council members who

attended included Leno, Secretary Cheryl A. Kennedy, Brenda Tuomi, Denise Harvey, Jon A. George, Gleason-Shepek and Chris Mercier. Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Martin and General Manager David Fullerton helped keep the whirlwind tour of Grand Ronde on schedule. Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight and Sgt. Tim Hernandez augmented Secret Service security for McDonald's visit.

At achaf-hammi, the Tribal plankhouse, McDonald was greeted by Culture Department Manager Kathy Cole and Tribal Elder Greg Archuleta, who gave a brief history of the Tribe and the plankhouse.

Archuleta and George joined Cole and Public Affairs Administrative Assistant Chelsea Clark in singing a prayer song. Before leaving and heading back to Salem, McDonald asked how to say "thank you" in the Tribe's language, Chinuk wawa, which George taught him.

Leno said it was a "great honor" to host McDonald at Grand Ronde.

"Grand Ronde was actually chosen as the Tribe to come out here to be for the Tribal piece of it," Leno said during the same-day Tribal Council meeting. "I believe that he does understand a lot of the problems with the VA. We talked a lot with him about the Agent Orange issue for the upcoming veterans, the Vietnam veterans out there. ... I think the man totally understands a lot of the problems and a lot of the bureaucracy. I just think it was a real honor to have him here and be able to talk to him." ■

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<p>To: Thomas E. Lee</p> <p>You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend the Petition filed for Guardianship of the above entitled child(ren) at Tribal Court by appearing at the Tribal Court, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97130, on the hearing date and time listed below.</p> <p>A HEARING WILL BE HELD ON July 29, 2016 at 1:30 pm. at the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Juvenile Court, which is located at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97130 where the Court will hear evidence and issue an Order concerning S.E.M. a legal child of Thomas E. Lee.</p> <p>Your rights may be affected if this proceeding. Certain persons have been proposed to be appointed as the child's legal guardians. If you fail to appear at the time and place listed above, the Court may appoint legal guardians for your child and may take any other action that is authorized by law. The Court may proceed with this hearing whether or not you are present.</p> <p>You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence and to be represented by an attorney. If you have any questions you can call me immediately. If you cannot afford an attorney, one may be appointed for you at the Tribe's expense upon your request and upon the Court's determination of indigence. You may call the Tribal Court at (503)879-2303 or toll free at (800)422-0232.</p> <p>Dated: <u>June 3, 2016</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Julie Boerhoff</i> Tribal Court Clerk</p>	