

'To live in this community is a blessing'

GRADUATION continued from front page

term Tribal Council member and designer of the West Valley Veterans Memorial that greets visitors to the Tribal campus in Grand Ronde.

In early March, Bobb was being interviewed for a feature story by *Smoke Signals* staff writer Danielle Frost, who asked him to reveal something about himself that very few, if any, people know about him.

Bobb related the fire alarm story and the fact that he never officially graduated from high school.

"It hasn't affected anything I wanted to do in my life," he said, "but I don't know that you could do that today. You really can't get away with stuff like that."

During the editing of Frost's story, *Smoke Signals* Editor Dean Rhodes sent an e-mail to Willamina School District Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick, informing her that Bobb had never received a high school diploma despite being a long-time member of the community and performing community service for the district. He recently repainted the Bulldog logo in the high school gym, for instance.

"I did not know that," Zimbrick replied via e-mail. "We could present him with a high school diploma at graduation. It would be an honor! As a veteran, it is allowable."

"Thank you, Carrie. Working out just as I hoped," Rhodes replied.

Since that mid-March e-mail exchange, Willamina High School staff worked with Bobb's wife of more than 50 years, Connie, to surprise him.

At Willamina High's graduation ceremony held on the football field on the Oaken Hills Drive campus,

Willamina High graduates 66 seniors on May 26

WILLAMINA – Sixty-six seniors, including Grand Ronde Tribal Elder Steve Bobb Sr., graduated from Willamina High School during an afternoon commencement exercise held on Saturday, May 26, at the Oaken Hills campus football field.

It was the 105th graduation ceremony held at Willamina High.

Graduating seniors were Uriah Shiloh Aaron, Damian Lee Anderson, Kylie Marie Anderson, Lily Marie Baker, Kaylene Raelynn Barry, Ashley Mariah Beck, Courtney Anne Brown, Ian Scott Bruckner, Kyle James Larue Buczynski, Angelica Maria Campos, Tanner Lester Cavan, Dalton Millard Childs, Haven Lee Collins, Keegan Michael Cook, Makayla Emma Rose Creel, Nicholas Austin Crook, Kelly Michael Davis, Asia Marie DeMars, Lydia June Doughty, David Lee Elwood, Brooke Pauline France, Adreianna Stacie Franklin, True Gibbons, Kayla Marie Gilbert, Jaimi Lin Gravley, Daisy Jean Gray, Megan Aliya Gunn, Nathan James Hogue Jr., Raven Trinity Holt, John Price Howard Jr., Ethan Sky Howard, Kyler Jordan Huber, Anna May Hubert, Ty Michael Janes, Savannah Hope Smiles Jones, Colton Samuel Keightley, Alyssa Kaye Kennett, Alexander Blake Klass, Madison Elaine Konovalov, Hunter Kenneth Latham, Rhys Griffin Mahurin, Hannah Renee McCallister, Bethany Nichol McKnight, Kyisha Marie Mezick, Brand Lee Milton, Brandon Adam Murphy-Phillips, Samantha Devine Nelson, Adam Lee Noble, Anna Britt Nolan, Jacob Kristoffer Olson, Tanner James Onstot, Andrea McKenzie Otter, Brittney Nikole Pratt, Kyle Nathaniel Revolinski, Joshua Gene Royse, Allyssa Marrayssa Sheker, Jacob Allen Skjei, William Kavika Soderberg, Haydin Daniel Stacey, Emily Rose Sterling, Jillian Layn Thomas, Cameron Eric Vanderberg, Abel Nathaniel Van-ecek, Madison Ann Whitmore and Vyktoira Ivonna Widrig.

Nolan was the valedictorian of the class and Onstot was the salutatorian. ■

High School Principal Tim France surprised Bobb with a black cap and gown just before the 65 seniors were ready to march in during the processional.

Bobb joined France and English teacher Amy Korst, the graduation exercise's guest speaker, in leading



the Class of 2018 on to the football field.

France announced that Bobb had just been informed that he was joining the graduating class. "He has done so much for our school and communi-

ty," France said.

Bobb stood for the national anthem and sat through a welcoming address and three speeches before Zimbrick called him to receive his belated diploma.

"It is a distinct privilege to include Steve Bobb in the graduating Class of 2018," Zimbrick said. "Steve, a lifelong member of the Grand Ronde-Willamina community, cut his high school career just short of graduating in 1967. ... He identifies himself as a 'lucky man.' We know better, and consider ourselves lucky to know him.

"We are honored to have Steve join us today to receive his Willamina High School diploma and ask that you join us in congratulating him."

Bobb received a standing ovation from the audience.

Bobb said that he "squandered" his high school education, concentrating too much on cars and girls, but that he was truly lucky to live in Willamina.

"To live in this community is a blessing," he said, adding that his wife does not send him on errands to the store because he will be gone for two hours, waylaid by conversations with people he knows.

"I never thought that I would be wearing a cap and gown after 50 years," Bobb said, adding that he was wondering why his wife was so insistent that he attend the graduation ceremony. "I'm glad I didn't miss it." ■

Editor's note: In the interest of full disclosure, Editor Dean Rhodes' wife is a teacher at the Willamina School District.

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