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Nine vying for Tribal Council

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Incumbents Cheryle A. Kennedy, Jon A. George and Brenda Tuomi will be seeking re-election and face six other candidates in the 2018 Tribal Council election.

Tribal Council nominations occurred on Sunday, June 24, in the Tribal Community Center and Tribal Election Day is Saturday, Sept. 8.

Challengers will include Victor Cureton, Kristina Helfrich, Brent Merrill, Peter Grout, Jonathan R. George and Steve Bobb Sr.

Kennedy, 70, is the current Tribal Council chairwoman. She is seeking her seventh consecutive three-year term on Tribal Council and was nominated by Logan Kneeland.

Jon A. George, 57, is the current Tribal Council secretary and is seeking his third consecutive term. He was nominated by Jerry George.

Tuomi, 58, is seeking re-election for the first time and was nominated by Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier.

Steve Bobb Sr., 69, served on Tribal Council from 2007-13 and is the chairman of the Tribal Veterans Special Event Board. He was nominated by Tribal Elder and former Tribal Council Chair Reyn Leno.

Merrill, 57, has worked for the Tribe in several positions and has run for Tribal Council thrice before in 2013, 2009 and 2008. He was nominated by Tribal Elder Joyce Kirk.

Jonathan R. George, 52, works for the Tribal Human Resources Department as a compensation/HRIS

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Interpretive Coordinator Travis Stewart, left, leads the 18th private ceremony honoring Tomanowos at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City on Wednesday, June 20. The museum has been the meteorite's home since 1906. In 2000, the museum and Tribe entered into an agreement that allows the Tribe to conduct an annual private ceremony with Tomanowos in exchange for letting Tomanowos remain in New York City.

METEORITE IMPACT

Tribal delegation reconnects with Tomanowos

By Danielle Frost

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NEW YORK CITY — It is said that Tribal members who have interacted with the meteorite Tomanowos are forever changed by the experience.

That saying holds true for Tribal Elder Leonette Galligher.

"This is the coolest thing I have ever seen," she said, emotion in her voice as she gazed at the 15.5-ton meteorite. "It's beautiful and amazing that something like this can exist this way and we can claim it as a part of our history. I wish more youth

could learn about this."

Galligher was one of two Tribal Elders selected to make the journey to visit Tomanowos at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City and participate in a private ceremony on Wednesday, June 20, with other Tribal members and family. Rick Grout was the other Elder.

Galligher, who grew up on the Yakama Reservation, recalled that her mother had a saying whenever children would misbehave.

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July kicks off with veterans' events

Grand Ronde Honor Guard member and Tribal Elder Alton Butler, left, and Wayne Chulik lead grand entry during the Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow at úyxat Powwow Grounds last July.



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Summit, powwow set for July 5-8 at Powwow Grounds

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One day after the Fourth of July, four days of activities in Grand Ronde will seek to help and honor those who displayed their patriotism by serving in the U.S. military.

The sixth annual Veterans Summit, put on by the Native Wellness Institute of Gresham, Veterans Affairs Office of Tribal Government Relations and the Grand Ronde

Tribe will occupy úyxat Powwow Grounds off Hebo Road beginning at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 5, and resume Friday, July 6, and then segue into the annual Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow at 7 p.m. Friday with the first of four grand entries.

The Veterans Summit will begin under the powwow grounds arbor

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