

Governor candidate speaks out on gaming

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Ron Saxton, candidate for the Republican nomination in the 2002 Oregon governor's race, weighed in recently on the Confederated Tribes' gaming expansion plan.



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In regard to the question of where the tribes should construct the planned

Columbia Gorge casino - at the Hood River site, or at Cascade Locks - Saxton said that Cascade Locks appears to be the better of the two choices.

If Saxton were elected governor next year, his opinion on this question could be of great importance. The governor has authority to veto the Cascade Locks casino proposal, but has no such authority regarding the Hood River site proposal.

It was Gov. Kitzhaber's veto of the Cascade Locks gaming expansion site that has prompted the Tribes to concentrate on development at Hood River.

The dispute regarding the gaming expansion site is a contentious one, because people in Hood River County would prefer that the tribes build the proposed \$160 million casino at Cascade Locks.

While stating his preference for the Cascade Locks site, Saxton in the end may not be able to make a difference in the debate, even if he is elected governor next year.

The new governor will take office in January of 2003, by which time the tribal members may already have decided the issue.

A referendum on gaming expansion - specifically, to build at the Hood River site - may be put to a vote of tribal members next year, said Rudy Clements, chairman of the tribes' Gaming Commission.

Saxton, a lawyer from Portland, announced in June his candidacy for the Republican nomination for governor. The primary vote is in May 2002.

Recently, Saxton met at the Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge with Clements, Dennis Karnopp, the tribes' lawyer, and Greg Leo, the tribes' lobbyist working on the gaming issue.

They discussed the Gorge casino issues, as well as the recent merger of Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Indian Head. Clements, chair of the Kah-Nee-Ta board, said the merger is proving to be a wise management as well as financial decision.

About the race for governor, Saxton, originally from Albany, said he would bring real world experience to the position, rather than extensive experience in state politics. A successful business lawyer for 25 years, Saxton is now head of one of the largest law firms in Portland.

He has experience in building a successful new business, meeting payroll, hiring and firing. "I think that real world experience would be a good thing for the next governor," Saxton said.

Saxton served for a number of years on the Portland Public Schools Board, including several years as chairman. When he left the board last year, an editorial in

The Oregonian newspaper said of his service, "Portland Public Schools is a better managed, more credible organization than it was not too long ago. The Portland lawyer and founder of the Portland Public Schools Foundation deserves a good share of the credit."



Photos by Dave McMechan

Huckleberry Feast

Gray skies, amid the dry summer, didn't stop tribal members from observing the annual Huckleberry Feast. Along with the traditional songs and other rituals associated with the feast, there also was no shortage of other activities.



Water aerobics to take a breather

The fast-growing popularity of the evening water aerobics will come to a halt for three to four weeks. Aerobics instructor, Lucinda Green, will be taking a break to concentrate on other tasks.

One of these tasks will be to attend a workshop on water aerobics to learn more exercise tips to use in her workouts. She has never attended one before and is very excited that she will have this opportunity.

Her learning comes from Eva Montee, former Wellness Coordinator.

"I had a good trainer in Eva, she has taught me a lot. I still call her for advice," says Green.

Green has found somebody to continue her Wednesday morning water aerobics class for her. So the diabetic program, and senior citizens that are active in water aerobics will continue their exercise program.

When she returns to lead the morning and evening water aerobics classes again the time of the classes may change. The pool hours are shorter after the summer is over and classes will have to start earlier.

Participants will be informed when this is definite and Green will continue her classes into the winter months.

"Exercise is important and I would like to see more people get involved," says Green.

She goes on to say: "I get excited when I see a new person starting to exercise with us. I hope these new people continue because too many people take their bodies for granted."

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Families interested in child care for September 2001.

The Early Childhood Education Center will be transitioning children into new classrooms on September 5th.

If you are in need of child care please contact:

- Charlene Stacona-White for children 6 weeks - 36 months and School Age

kids 5 through 12 years old.

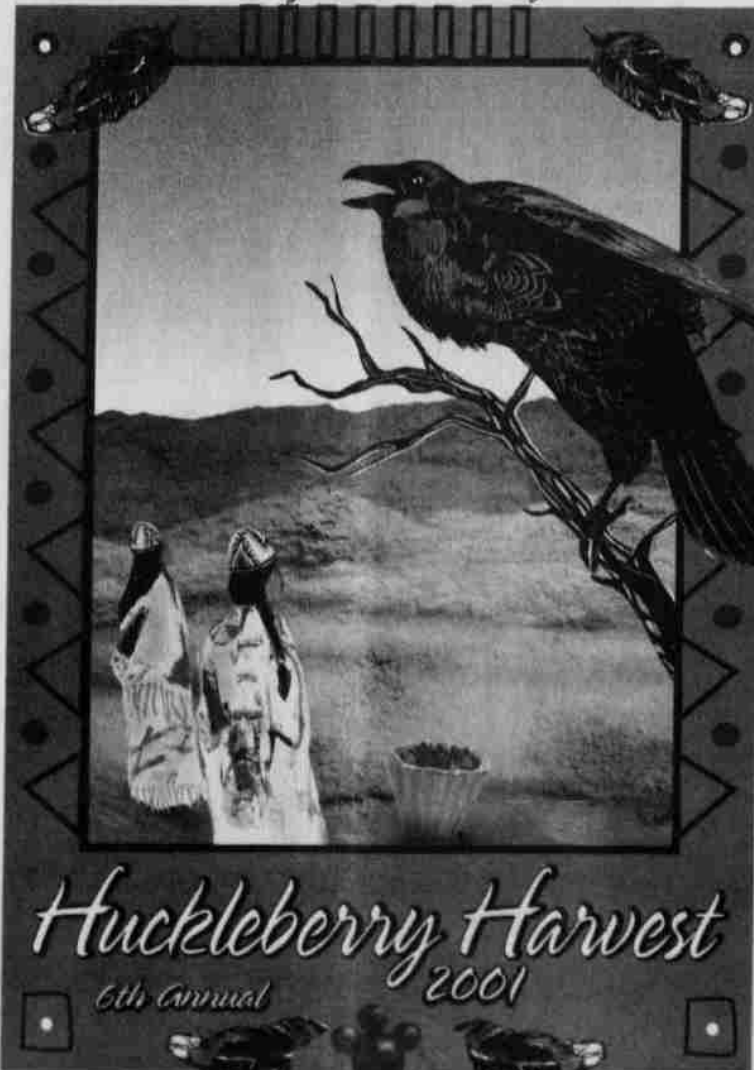
- For information about Head Start aged children (3 & 4 year olds) please contact Nancy Saludo.

ECE is updating the recruitment pool. If you do not make contact in August, your child will be dropped from the list.

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Friday, August 24th, 2001:

FRIDAY EVENT SITE: Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort & Casino, The Garden Room

6:30 pm Opening Reception:
Hors d'oeuvres, beverages upon arrival
Welcome by Kah-Nee-Ta Resort & Casino
Silent Auction
Raffle
Sneak Preview of oral auction items
Huckleberry stories by a Tribal Elder
Flute Music

Saturday, August 25th, 2001:

SATURDAY: The Museum At Warm Springs
9:45 am Coffee, tea, pastries, fruit
10:00 am Behind-The-Scenes Artifact Tour in Archival Area
Ongoing Educational displays
Ongoing Video playing showing education program, "Tulee Harvest"
Ongoing Archival process/procedures
Ongoing Huckleberry Photos
Tribal Vendors will be set up in lobby
11:00 am Traditional Native American Dancing/Singing
12:00 pm Pictograph Presentation in Changing Exhibit Gallery, Jim Henderson
3:30 pm Traditional Salmon Bake Preparation
4:30 pm Hors d'oeuvres and beverages upon arrival
Flute music, Charles Littleleaf*
5:00-6:15 Silent auction
Preview Oral of auction
6:00 pm Opening Prayer
Traditional Salmon, Bird in Clay Dinner
Final Raffle Drawings
Oral Auction w/Dessert
8:00-ish *Shuttle back to Kah-Nee-Ta