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Members answer casino questions

New gaming facility is in design phase

By Dave McMechan
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A casino at the Columbia Gorge would provide the Confederated Tribes with much more than just a new source of much-needed revenue.

Instead, the new casino also is an opportunity for the tribes to celebrate the Indian culture, and to show some of the history of the tribes.

The casino would not only be a profitable business venture, but also a project of educational, historical and artistic importance.

"The salmon and river culture is a main expression the people want to see in the design of the facility," said gaming official Rudy Clements, who has been meeting with tribal members about the design of the Gorge casino.

"They want to be able to hear the rushing water, to see the salmon, the falls and rapids, the scaffolds and fishermen, the poles and nets," said Clements. "They want to see the role of the women in taking care of the fish, how the women dressed, how the fish were cared for, and the spiritual significance that goes along with the river and salmon culture."

Tribal members also want the new casino to show cultural elements of each of the three Confederated Tribes, said Clements. They want to see images of petroglyphs and characters of legend, Sally bags and other weavings, the eagle, and native plants of cultural value.

Clements and other tribal gaming officials are gathering input from the membership on the design of the new casino, and the landscaping around the facility. The architects will then use this information in developing design proposals.

Clements said the response from the membership has been very positive. "The people understand our current financial needs, and can't wait to see the casino operating," he said.

"The people see this as another way of contributing to our sovereignty, well-being and ability to take care of our reservation, the ceded lands and our way of life," said Clements.

People see the new casino "as beneficial to those of us still here, and in particular to the generations to come," he said.

Gaming revenue

Tribal members have been sharing their views on the casino design at home-base meetings. People have also been stopping by and leaving comments at the Tribal Administration Building. Some other comments people have made include the following:

The new gaming facility should be as much a part of the natural area as possible. This would involve use of natural paint colors, and traditional building decorating techniques.

Some people expressed the desire to see an alternative use of energy for the casino, such as wind and solar power.

Tribal members have been sharing their views on the new casino very freely, said Clements. People have also mentioned that they want to be involved in the decisions regarding how the casino revenue eventually will be used, said Clements.

Clements said that many people feel the tribes have never really left the Gorge, a part of the ceded lands. With a world-class gaming facility at the Gorge, he said, the tribes will be able to educate and make people aware of the Indian history and culture of the Columbia River.



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Root digger

Savannah Holliday, 3, tries her luck at root digging on a recent outing to Webster Flat. She was among the Warm Springs Early Childhood Education students who are learning about traditional roots. See story on 10.

Shannon Kaevy/Spilyay

Interesting nicknames on the rez

By Selena Boise
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An investigation began 25 years ago identifying the origin of nicknames of community members. This investigation now continues, because there are many nicknames out there, and discovering their origin will be fun.

The Spilyay was in the waiting room at the clinic recently, and asked about some nicknames.

At the dental clinic Natalia is known as Taw. She was called Taw Taw for a while because someone tried to pronounce her name and couldn't. It was then shortened to Taw.

Ellis Langley, or Doobie, was named by his mother, who got the name from a children's program where the sentences always started, "Do be," for instance, "Do be kind," and "do be good." His sister Jackie said, "She was always saying that to him."

Speaking of his sister, Jackie Donahue, who received her nickname of Puff from her aunt who was her babysitter. Jackie used to eat a lot of Cocoa Puffs when she was little. Her aunt used to call her Cocoa Puff, and that name was eventually shortened to Puff.

She also said that people wondered about her parents. Their children's nicknames are Doobie and Puff, and that leads people to wonder about Jack and Linda's earlier years.

Jackie is married to Brad Donahue, who is also known as Kia. He got his nickname as a shorter version of his Indian name, which is Naki.

At the bowling alley Spilyay asked Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath Sr. about the nickname Bullneck. He says that in boarding school he didn't like getting his hair cut.

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Some school programs in jeopardy

There would be no new school bus purchases next year, and no new textbooks.

Summer school programs would be cut, and the district may adopt a "pay to play" school sports program.

These are some of the cost-cutting ideas that may become part of the Jefferson County School District 509-J budget for 2003-04.

The district budget committee will conduct a public hearing on these and other ideas at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April

22, at the district Support Services Building. The public is invited to attend, and to comment.

Julie Quaid has been a member of the 509-J budget committee for the past eight years. She said that now is one of the least pleasant times to be on the committee, because school programs and jobs are on the line.

In past years, said Quaid, hardly anyone would show up at the school district budget committee meetings. This year, with the district facing tough

financial decisions, "I think we'll see people attending," she said.

Quaid this spring is also running for a position on the school district board of directors. Two district seats are up for election on the May 20 ballot.

Of the budget decisions this year, she said, school districts are focusing on maintaining the core curriculum of math, science, language, etc. Other programs - middle school sports, for instance - are increasingly at risk of disappearing.

509-J officials are not yet sure how much money the district will receive from the state for 2003-04. "So we are budgeting conservatively," said district superintendent Phil Riley.

"We don't know what our resources are, but they are tending downward," he said.

In more positive school district news, the school board this month held a ground-breaking for the \$11 million renovation and expansion work at Madras High School.

After a long wait BIA has new superintendent

By Dave McMechan
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Paul Young brings a personal approach to his job as Bureau of Indian Affairs Warm Springs Agency superintendent.

"I don't like to dictate," said Young. "In solving problems I like to talk to people, to hear feedback."

This attitude, he said, reflects a change that has happened over the years with the BIA.

"The bureau has changed from running tribes, to helping the tribes manage their own affairs," said Young.

A main function of the BIA is to provide the tribes with expertise and advice in particular areas, such as realty or fire management or roads. "We provide information on what needs to get done," he said.

Young and his wife moved to Warm Springs just this month. He met with



Paul Young, Warm Springs BIA agency superintendent

Tribal Council on Monday of this week, and spent an afternoon getting to know many of the 48 BIA employees who work on the Warm Springs Reservation.

Stan Speaks, director of the BIA

Regional Office in Portland, introduced Young to the employees at a meeting held recently at Kah-Nee-Ta.

"If someone had told me two years ago that it would take this long to fill the position, I would have said that was

crazy," said Speaks.

It has been two years since Gordon Cannon resigned as superintendent of the Warm Springs BIA Agency, which includes both the Warm Springs and the Burns Paiute reservations.

Over the past two years, the agency has had no permanent superintendent, but relied instead on interim superintendents. Considering the length of time that the permanent position has been vacant, Speaks said he is especially glad that Young has come on board at Warm Springs.

"We have someone who will work with the tribes, and provide leadership to the agency and the staff who are here," said Speaks.

He also expressed his gratitude to the BIA staff who have stepped up and done their jobs for two years without a superintendent.

At the meeting at Kah-Nee-Ta, Young spoke for a few minutes about

his personal background.

He is an Alaskan native, raised on a reservation. He is a traditional dancer and drummer.

Because of this background, Young feels at home on the Warm Springs Reservation. The timber of the reservation, and the salmon are a part of his own heritage, said Young.

Young first left Alaska when he joined the military, and for a while was stationed in Germany.

Through a BIA program, he went to Los Angeles to become an engineer. "And then I realized my calling was people," said Young.

He entered UCLA, and earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science. He worked with different tribes for 20 years, and then went to the University of Washington, where he earned a master's degree in public administration.

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