

These are conceptual drawings of the planned Columbia Gorge casino of the Confederated Tribes. The drawing at right shows the main entrance; and below, a view of the overall structure. The tribes are awaiting word from the governor as to where at the Gorge the casino will be built.



Drawings courtesy of the gaming expansion team.



## Clean-up project includes barbecue, raffle

The Housing Department is handing out garbage bags for trash pick up.

For every bag brought back full of trash, you will be given a ticket to be entered in a raffle drawing.

We are having our Annual Spring Clean-up BBQ on Friday, April 30, at 12 noon for our spring clean-up participants.

The drawing for all raffle prizes will be held at that time.

We are also assisting with free

car pick up.

If you know anyone that has unwanted vehicles broken down or abandoned in their yard, they need to come in and fill out a form and it will be towed away at no charge.

## Museum seeking objects for collection

The Museum at Warm Springs is seeking to enhance its permanent collection by obtaining objects from Warm Springs tribal members through acquisitions.

Objects for consideration must be accompanied by a

completed object history form. The forms are available at the museum.

Objects for consideration must be relevant to and consistent with the permanent collection.

The museum policy is one

object per household or family. Objects for consideration will be accepted on May 17, 18 and 19, during regular business hours, no exceptions.

If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Kirk at 553-3331, extension 412.

## Second Annual Miss Native American Oregon competition scheduled for August

The Miss Native American Oregon Scholarship Program will host its second annual competition on August 20-21, at the Chinook Winds Casino at Lincoln City.

To be eligible to compete, an applicant must be a member of a federally recognized tribe, and a young Native American woman 17 to 23 years of age.

Applicants must have never been married, and be enrolled in a college, university or plan to continue their secondary education. They must be a resident of the state of Oregon and they must have no criminal record or any criminal charges pending.

The person who wins the title of Miss Native American Oregon is automatically eligible to compete for the title of Miss Oregon 2005 in Seaside. The ultimate goal is to compete for the title of Miss America 2006 in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The Miss Native American Oregon program offers young women the chance to compete for scholarship money to continue their education as well as offering contestants a forum for raising awareness and effecting change to important social issues.

To compete in the program, contestants are required to clearly define a social issue to which they are sincerely committed, and for which each will be an activist during their year of service.

Every year the Miss Oregon Scholarship Program offers to its contestants over \$100,000 in cash and in-kind tuition scholarships.

These scholarships are awarded to any competitor, not just the ultimate titleholder. Scholarships are available for academic achievement, community service, talent, fitness, speaking skills and more.

The four categories of the Miss Native American Oregon

competition are: private interview worth 40 percent; evening wear worth 10 percent; talent and lifestyle worth 30 percent; casual wear worth 10 percent; physical fitness in swimsuit worth 10 percent overall composite of applicant worth 10 percent.

Workshops will be available to discuss platform issues, interview skills and additional pageant training with the contestants for Miss Oregon 2005.

Young Native American

women wishing to sign up for the Miss Native American Oregon program must have their applications turned in no later than May 15, 2004 and be prepared for the contract signing on June 6.

For further information or to receive an application, please contact Dixie Lorange, by calling (541) 996-2826, toll free 1-888-CHINOOK, ext. 2826 or email to the following address: dixiel@chinookwindsgaming.com.

## Tribes host river conference

The Confederated Tribes played host to Deschutes River basin stakeholders April 13-14 during the 2004 State of the Deschutes Conference at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort. Natural Resources General Manager Robert Brunoe welcomed the group on Tuesday morning and set the stage for two days of presentations and discussions relating to the Deschutes basin.

Over 100 representatives from state and federal agencies, private industry, conservation groups and other interested parties joined the tribes for the event. The conference provided everyone with updates on a wide variety of topics and offered a forum for all of the stakeholders to express their opinions and share their insights on natural resources and socioeconomic within the region.

Gordon Grant, hydrologist with the U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station and author of "A Peculiar River," spoke about the geological framework of the Deschutes and the unique characteristics of this important desert waterway. The presentation led to discussion about the river's source, its hydraulics and uses it supports.

There were panels that spoke of conservation and restoration projects being conducted within the basin, with special attention on efforts made since the last State of the Deschutes Conference in 2001.

Brunoe gave a presentation on the many restoration projects that have been implemented on the reservation and the positive results they've achieved. He was joined on Wednesday morning by representatives from the

Natural Resources Conservation Service, Squaw Creek Irrigation District, Upper Deschutes Watershed Council, Wasco Soil and Water Conservation District, Deschutes Resources Conservancy and by Jim Myron, the governor's natural resource policy advisor.

Wednesday afternoon and evening included presentations on the Oregon Department of Agriculture water quality management plans, local conservation initiatives, the influence of state, federal and tribal policies, and the Deschutes Sub-basin Plan. Jim Manion of Warm Springs Power Enterprises talked about the Pelton-Round Butte relicensing process. There were also talks on management and relocation of water rights, land use planning, and a future outlook for the basin.

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