

Recovery: there is help out there

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I remember the morning and that evening, but I was passed out all the way to the treatment center.

I was in there for 27 days. When I came out I stayed clean and sober for eight years. I ended up at a conference through a job that I had. I don't know why, I thought I could just have one beer at a conference on the other side of the United States. Then when I came back I ended up drinking even worse. That lasted for about a year before I ended up in a treatment center in Redmond.

I had a friend help me get into that treatment center. I really liked it. It made me realize I was holding in a lot of resentment. During my first recovery, I had no one to talk to, my grandmother died in 1994, I was holding a lot of stuff in - against my family and some of my friends, my job and even against myself. I talked it out with my counselor. I didn't know how to act or how to do anything.



Creston Smith

Do you see any young people on the reservation who were in your shoes years ago, and is there anything you want to say to them?

I see people partying (Smith

says) but I like to stay to myself. If they're willing to step up and ask me for some advice, what they should do or what direction they can go, or who they can talk to, I'd be glad to help

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them out and be supportive towards alcoholics or people who do drugs. Being in recovery can be hard. You just have to say no.

There is a support system there, if you believe in yourself and want something very bad. You have to realize first that alcohol is an addictive illness and it takes a while to learn about it. I was in denial for the longest time and I didn't know it. My counselor laughed with me the first time and said, "You're in denial, you just don't know it yet." And I said, "I'm not. I'm not going to get any more citations. I won't be in a class anymore."

I just laughed at him. He was right. All that time I was in denial. Sometimes it takes a special person to help you see what's wrong.

Youth center: idea has local support

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In time, though, Burton realized that youth of other communities - Indian reservations, for instance - could benefit from the services of Extraordinary Young People.

"It's interesting because the culture of young Native Americans is like that of young inner-city Black kids," said Burton. For instance, he said, basketball is popular with both groups, and they like the same kinds of music.

As its most recent accomplishment, Extraordinary Young People developed a youth center called the Lodge Grass Youth Center at the Crow Reservation in Montana.

The center has been a great success. Since it opened juvenile crime in the community has

dropped by 50 percent, according to Darren Cruzan, BIA chief of police at the Crow Agency.

The success of the Lodge Grass Youth Center put Extraordinary Young People in high demand, with calls coming in from 30 different tribes across the U.S., said Burton.

Billy Joe Berry asked Burton to visit Warm Springs, and the planning began for a youth center here.

Warm Springs is a logical choice for a new Extraordinary Young People youth center, said Burton, because of its closeness to Portland, where Extraordinary Young People has its home office. And Sheila Clements of Warm Springs Community Counseling is on the organization board of directors.

Council priority

In recent months Burton has been meeting with many local people who are involved in youth issues, from police to

counselors and educators.

There is strong support for the idea of developing an Extraordinary Young People youth center in Warm Springs, said Burton.

Last week he and Jacoban met at the VFW-Ladies Auxiliary building with tribal Secretary-Treasurer Jody Calica; Kirby Heath and Harvey Jim of the VFW, and Eliza Jim of the Ladies Auxiliary. They came to an agreement as to the future use of the building.

In exchange for use of the building, "Extraordinary Young People will open a youth center and small restaurant for the Warm Springs kids to use to do their homework, learn things that will help them in the future, and just to hang out. We will have a study room, game room with DJ booth, and a movie room."

Extraordinary Young People receives sponsorship help from Nike Corp. and other businesses. A lot of the work, though, is

done by volunteers, and also by the kids.

"We don't give the kids anything, they earn it," said Burton. It doesn't cost to get in the youth center, but it's not free, he said. For instance, a kid can earn \$2 in "Nike bucks" by working for an hour at the center. When you have enough Nike bucks you can redeem them for shoes. The center focuses on education, and being drug- and alcohol-free. And it's also about having fun. Parents are also encouraged to be a part of the center, said Burton.

Development of the youth center goes toward a Tribal Council priority of addressing needs of the local youth.

Chief Operations Officer Laurina Hintsala said the reservation needs programs that involve young people in activities that promote leadership. "They are the future leaders of the reservation," she said.

Regional pool league in transition

By Selena Boise
Spilyay Tymoo

Central Oregon pool players have been in a quandary regarding the Billiard Congress of America, or BCA vs. American Cue Sports, or ACS pool leagues.

The BCA, which is a non-profit organization, was bought out by an individual and continues to be in operation as it has in the past.

Former members of the BCA formed American Cue Sports after the sale.

This year the Redmond 9-Ball BCA league is now the Redmond 9-Ball ACS league.

This league is held each year

for individuals to qualify for regional tournaments held at Lincoln City.

This year these individuals will not qualify through the 9-Ball league.

After long conversations with a representative of the BCA Region, Dawn Williams and her husband Mike are about to form a league from the BCA.

This will be the "No Frills" Scotch Doubles league of Central Oregon.

This new league would be formed in Madras, Redmond, and Prineville (if enough interest is there).

Players of this league would

therefore qualify to compete in the regional 8-ball tournament held in Lincoln City.

Williams has scheduled an informational meeting for Sunday, Oct. 3, at 3 p.m. at the Moose Lodge in Redmond.

At this meeting any input is welcome to get this league off the ground.

After the Redmond 9-ball league ends this year there is no plan to continue with the ACS in Central Oregon, as Kelly Reynolds has stepped aside.

If you are interested, or have input contact Dawn Williams at 541-280-3764, or email her at aundawn@msn.com.

Few Indians offended by team name

WASHINGTON (AP) - A poll of American Indians found that an overwhelming majority of them are not bothered by the name of the Washington Redskins pro football team.

Only 9 percent of those polled said the name is "offensive," while 90 percent said it's acceptable, according to the University of Pennsylvania's National Annenberg Election Survey, released last week.

Annenberg polled 768 Indians in every state except Hawaii and Alaska from Oct. 7, 2003, to Sept. 20, 2004.

The survey found little disparity between men and women or young and old. However, 13 percent of Indians with college degrees said the name is offensive, compared with 9 percent of those with some college and

6 percent of those with a high school education or less.

The football franchise began in Boston as the Braves but was purchased in 1932 by George Preston Marshall, who changed the name to honor head coach William "Lone Star" Dietz, an American Indian.

The team kept its monicker after moving to the nation's capital in 1937. The name and feather-wearing mascot have since been challenged. A panel of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office canceled the team's trademarks in 1999 on the grounds that the name disparages American Indians in violation of federal trademark law. But last year, a federal judge ruled the team can keep its name, finding insufficient evidence to conclude it is an insult.

Memorial

For Nettie Shawaway on November 6, 2004 at the Simnasho Longhouse.

There will be a dinner meeting on Oct. 9 at noon at the house of Antoinette Pamperien, at 8569 Sidwalter.

The meeting will be to see what needs to be done, and to see who is willing to help.

If you can't be there, you can call Madeline at Vital Statistics, 553-3252.

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