

## Sanders named OSBA president

Tribal member Jeff Sanders, a member of the Jefferson County 509-J school district for 16 years, was named the new president-elect of the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA).

Sanders was elected to the post at the OSBA's 59th Annual convention in Portland last month. He had previously served as the secretary-treasurer of the OSBA's five-person executive committee.

The OSBA is a non-profit organization that represents and provides services for more than 1,400 school and education service district members in Oregon. Some of the services OSBA provides are legal services and classroom instruction. Sanders, 67, is the compliance officer and program review officer for the Confederated Tribes and has been employed by the tribes for 46 years.



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Marjorie Smith and Chad Victor Thurby enjoyed the first snowfall of the season.



Brian Mortensen/Spilyay

Julia Begay, 14, and James George, 8, (front) and Kenia Cross (back) built shields to protect themselves before a three-way snowball fight between themselves and friend TaSheena George, 11, after last Thursday morning's heavy snowfall.

## Raffle

Drawing December 26, 2005

Items to be raffled: 2 tickets to the Tail Blazers vs. Cleveland Cavaliers. 2 tickets to the Buckin' Bull & Boogie (at the Deschutes County Expo Center, Dec. 31, 2005). Gift bag from the museum, various Nike items, beaded coin purse, beaded lanyard, Kah-Nee-Ta sweatshirts, Nuggest jersey/trunks, indoor basketball, Kah-Nee-Ta tote bags, Kah-Nee-Ta travel mugs, beaded cap. See Sammi O'Reilly, Rita Squiemphen and Val Squiemphen to get tickets.

Proceeds to help the Youth Basketball team "ReX Express" for the 2006 NABI Tournament.

## Help available in spotting 'meth houses'

There is a growing awareness in the community of the deadly problem of methamphetamines.

In some neighborhoods people may be concerned that nearby residences are being used as meth houses.

If you have such a concern, the Jefferson County Meth Task Force is a good place to seek information and help.

Sheila Clements, of the Warm Springs Community Counseling Center, says the Task Force has available a helpful tool in combating meth in local neighborhoods.

The Task Force program, Clements said, is called "No Meth - Not Here." A part of

the program is a neighborhood activity log, which people can use to document activity at a suspected meth house.

The log information includes the time and date of suspected meth activity, the license plate number of suspect vehicles, and other information. The information can be used by the police to help fight the problem, and to make neighborhoods safe.

"Documentation is the key to building a case against a meth house," according to the Task Force.

For more information on the "No Meth - Not Here" program, contact the Task Force at 410-0606.

# Tribes build posh resorts

PHOENIX (AP) — The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation has opened a 247-room Radisson Resort in hopes of transforming its casino into a true destination.

It is the latest example of Arizona tribes expanding on their lucrative casino properties with resorts, amusement parks and golf courses. A voter-approved initiative prevents tribes near metro Phoenix from building more casinos, so they are finding ways to grow what they already have.

The Radisson, situated beside the casino just east of Fountain Hills, is expected to lure large groups that want a taste of the Wild West and something fun to do between meetings. The budget resort will charge \$175 to

\$200 for rooms during the high season, January through April, and in the low \$100s during the summer.

The tribe won't say how much the hotel cost to build, but it was designed with the latest trends in mind.

Suites include flat-screen TVs and Sleep Number beds, conference rooms offer Internet-based video conferencing and the staff can forward calls to guests' cellphones. Instead of towels, there are extra large "bath sheets." Crisp white duvet covers stand in for comforters.

Fort McDowell's casino already is flanked by a golf course, RV park and Fort McDowell Adventures, an outdoor party venue where people can have

cookouts and go river rafting or horseback riding.

The Gila River Indian Community is taking a similar approach at its Wild Horse Pass casino south of Phoenix. It built the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa three years ago, and Rawhide Wild West Town will re-open there next month after moving from Scottsdale.

"I think it's just a perfect time," said Sheila Morago, executive director of the Arizona Indian Gaming Association. "The casinos are doing well. They are stable. ... There are huge opportunities with things like hotels and golf courses."

The hotel is expected to bring in money for the 938-member Yavapai community, both through bookings and the

business it will feed to the casino. It also is creating 300 jobs, and about 30 percent are expected to go to tribe members.

Raphael Bear, president of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, said the resort means two things for his community.

"Self-determination and self-sufficiency," he said. "There's a lot in those two words."

Community members support economic development on the reservation and, if anything, would like to see more, Bear said. Profits from the casino and surrounding businesses go to the community.

"I think a lot of tribes are doing similar things," he said. "We're not like a large city with a sales tax. Here, you don't have that, but we have a casino."

## King County prosecutor wants Gambling Commission reined in

SEATTLE (AP) — Washington's gambling regulators are flexing too much power and need to be reined in, King County Prosecutor Norm Maleng has told a group of gambling experts.

Maleng, a prominent gambling critic, said he's drafting legislation to restrict the state Gambling Commission's duties in favor of greater legislative control.

"What I am calling for is our state leaders to regain control of gambling policy, away from appointed commissioners and their staff," Maleng said Thursday. "Let's bring these issues into the clear light of day where they can be fully discussed and debated."

Speaking at an Indian gambling summit, Maleng pointed to a recently rejected plan to expand the Spokane Tribe of Indians' gambling outside its reservation as a prime reason to restrict the commission.

That proposal was killed by Gov. Christine Gregoire in late October amid complaints that it would allow other tribes to pursue off-reservation gambling.

The plan also would have shared up to 35 percent of the tribe's gambling profits with the state, and would have allowed the tribe to operate up to 7,500 electronic gambling machines.

Maleng said that proposal violated the principles governing other tribes' state gambling

agreements. Legislation being drafted by his office would require such changes to be made by the Legislature, among other provisions, Maleng said.

"If those principles are going to be changed, it should be the result of hearings and legislation," he said.

Maleng also said the commission has become far too permissive of expanded non-tribal gambling, and said competition

between Indian and private gambling has become an "arms race."

Neal Nunamaker, the commission's deputy director, said the panel is not out of control. Four legislators sit on its board, and commissioners' actions are not secretive, Nunamaker said.

"The Legislature sets the public policy for gambling. We implement regulations based on

that law," he said.

The state's gambling industry was worth \$1.6 billion in the 2005 fiscal year, with tribal casinos' share estimated at more than \$1 billion, according to the commission. State Sen. Margarita Prentice, D-Renton, said she also was considering legislation that would require any decisions about off-reservation Indian gambling to be made by the Legislature.

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