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Annette Jim, Levi Jim and Jordan Rhoan (right) were happy last week to take part in the shoe and winter clothing giveaway at the Family Resource Center. Nike Corp. donated the shoes and other merchandise such as pants, shirts and jackets. Mt. Hood Meadows donated winter coats and ski pants. The donations were combined for one large giveaway on Tuesday through Thursday of last week. Julie Quaid, who organized the giveaway volunteers, estimated that about 300 coats were given away, and about 600 pairs of shoes.

Sanders —

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Sanders has also worked for the public safety and public utilities departments and served as the interim secretary/treasurer for tribal council.

In addition, Smith said, "He promoted traditional dancing and culture at countless tribal gatherings."

Sanders has also served on many different committees, including the local school board, Oregon school board (where he once served as president), OSU extension board and the Warm Springs Alcohol and Drug Council, as well as many others.

"I'm sure I've missed a number of those," Smith said after reading the long list.

Though Sanders has always been very involved in the community, Smith said that as time went on, "He still added and he increased his workload."

Now, Smith said, "He's taken over the Warm Springs housing authority and completely turned it around."

Some of Sanders work with the housing authority includes establishing policies to prohibit and decrease the use of drugs and alcohol in tribal housing units.

In Smith's opinion, Sanders is definitely a worthy candidate for the Community Champion Award.

"He's very honest, he has a lot of integrity and he's just a good guy," Smith told the crowd.

As he accepted the award, Sanders humbly joked, "I think these guys just made up all this stuff."

He added, "I'm very honored for receiving this award from such a distinguished group."

"I've always taken pride in the part of the country I came from, which is Jefferson County," Sanders said.

Holli Van Wert, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, said Sanders received the award after receiving the greatest number of nominations.

"What we do as a chamber is we send out nomination forms in our newsletter to our members and the tribes voted him in," she explained.

In her opinion, Sanders is a model recipient.

"As community champion he does so much," she said.

This is only the second Community Champion Award that the chamber has given—they first began giving that award last year.

Sanders was the first tribal member to receive the award.

Members comment on planned timber sale's affect on wildlife

(Note: The following concludes an article that began in the last edition of the Spilyay, regarding the Sugar Pine timber sale and other projects of Forestry and Natural Resources. During the planning process, some tribal members commented in regard to affects on wildlife, as described in the following.)

Wildlife

Most of the affects to wildlife depend on the amount of treatment in comparison to the surrounding area and how frequent the treatments occur. Elk populations have increased over the past 20 years, while deer numbers have fluctuated and show a recent decline. The livestock populations, particularly feral horses, have increased dramatically over the past decade, and undoubtedly have had some impact on big game populations, as have habitat conditions.

The wildlife management zones designated in IRMP are set up so that standards and Best Management Practices (BMPs) can maintain a certain level of cover for big-game, while also providing adequate forage to enhance the population. Forty percent of each Wildlife Management Zone should retain attributes that meet some level of cover characteristics, while the other 60 percent can be allocated for forage. Change is most often the driving force that determines sustainability and diversity.

It has long since been known through research and intuition that closing roads is a benefit to elk, deer and other wildlife. Open roads have no known benefit to wildlife species. The relationship between open roads per square mile to habitat effectiveness has become the primary indicator in quantifying habitat quality.

All types of treatments in this project proposal will have some affect on wildlife resources. Some of the affects may have negative impacts in the short run while others may be positive. Over time these effects will change as the vegetative condition of the area recovers. For example, pre-commercial thinning will reduce the density of trees in an area, which may reduce hiding cover for big-game. These treatments will also allow more sunlight to reach the forest floor, thereby enabling more plants to grow for forage. Under-burning reduces vegetation in the short run, but allows more palatable forage to grow over time.

Eventually most of the opportunistic wildlife species may return to areas that have been logged. Other, less adaptable species may only return to these areas long after the sale has been completed and vegetation has returned to its original conditions. There are some species that may not return to logged areas.

Badger Butte Salvage Sale and nearby Coltsfoot 2005 Timber Sale will have significant cumulative effects to big game herds and other wildlife. To what extent will depend on how the sales are laid out, logged and mitigated.

The additional harvest of trees for biomass may have a significant effect on snags and dead wood in the form of downed logs. The magnitude of this effect will determine biological diversity and forest health across the reservation. Maintaining IRMP standards for snags and down logs adopted will play a key role into the future. Snags densities on the Metolius and Tenino benches have for years been extremely deficient primarily due to firewood cutting. The Wildlife Department opposed the salvage harvest of these areas due to the snag deficiency.

Tribal Council adopts hunting seasons and bag limits. Typically, the Wildlife Department will make staff recommendations to the Fish and Wildlife Committee after taking comments from tribal hunters. The committee and department then make recommendations to Tribal Council, and they subsequently adopt the proposal or modify it to meet tribal member needs.

Victims of Crime Services available to help those in need

(Note: The following is the conclusion of the "Silent Message" sexual abuse awareness article from the previous Spilyay Tymoo. The end of the article was accidentally omitted from the previous paper.)

Sex abuse is an issue that many believe happens far too often in local areas.

According to Mark Matthews, director of Victims of Crime, "We think it happens way too frequently."

In this area, he said, some sex offenders are never charged with a crime.

Unfortunately, Matthews added, it's extremely likely that sexual perpetrator will move on to another victim.

Because so many crimes go unreported, Matthews said that it appears as if the crimes don't happen.

"The statistics will show you that there's very few sex crimes, but I know that is not true," he said.

A resolution was passed in 1993 that expanded the statute of limitations for sex crimes in Warm Springs—meaning that a person can be tried for committing a sex crime if it occurred within the past five years.

Previously it only included sex crimes within the past year of the occurrence.

For those seeking assistance, Victims of Crime is available at 553-2293.

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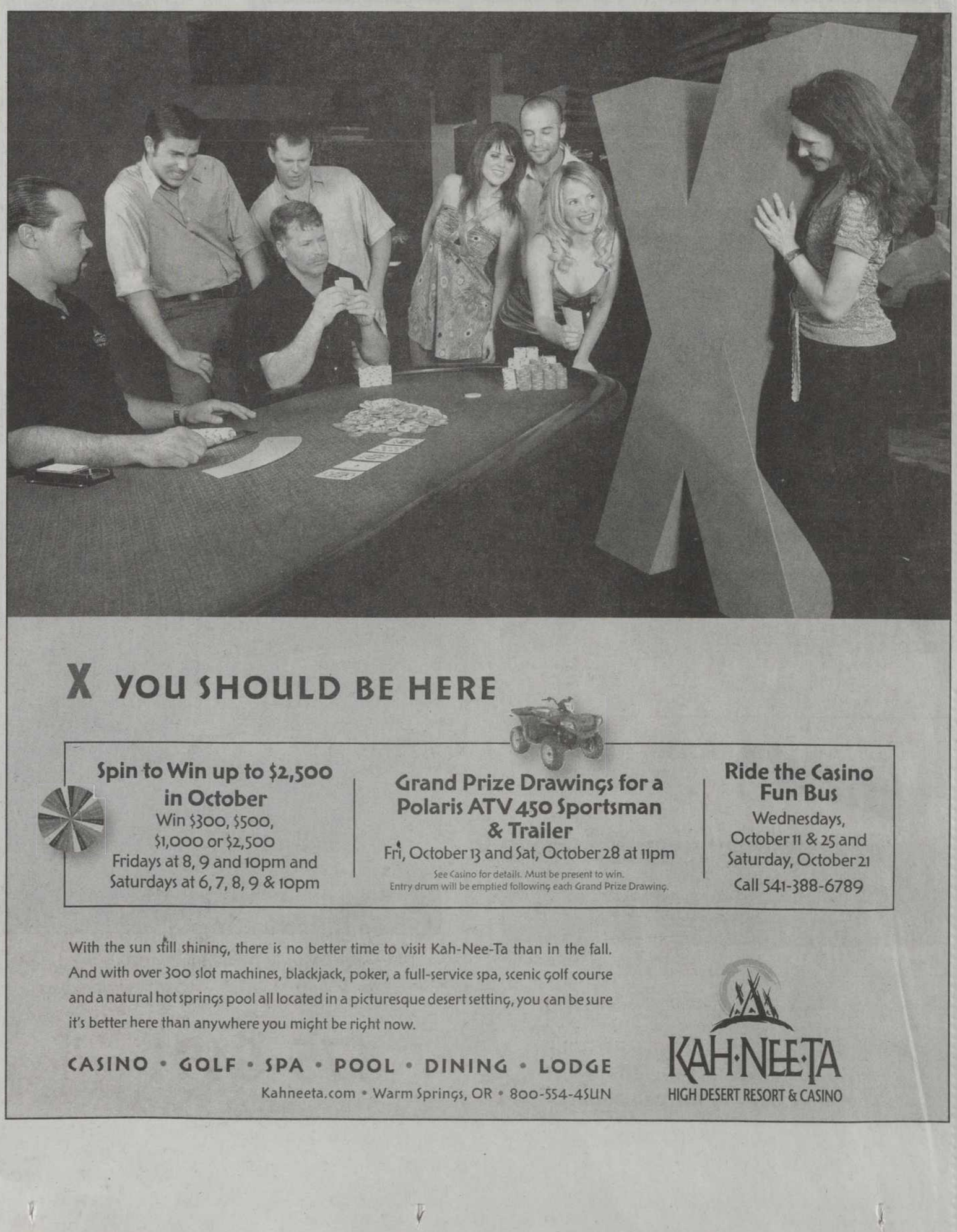

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