



Raylene Thomas

The family of Raylene Thomas wishes to let the community know that Raylene is stationed overseas, and her mailing address is as follows:

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30th Annual Lincoln's Powwow is Feb. 9-11

The Lincoln's Birthday Powwow is Friday through Sunday, Feb. 9-11 at the Simnasho Longhouse.

The drum and singing contest this year at the powwow are in memory of Rudy and Trudee Clements. First place receives \$3,000. Second place, \$2,000. Third place, \$1,000.

Grand Entry times are at 7 p.m. on Friday, 1 p.m. on Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

On Friday, new joiners is at 6 p.m., and a special ceremony at 6:30 p.m.

For general information call Mackey Begay at 553-9230; Austin Greene at 553-1161; Calvin Queahpama at

553-6908; or Sandra Thompson (vendors) at 553-6619.

Drum and Singing Contest in Loving Memory of Rudy and Trudee Clements sponsored by Anna Clements and Shayla and Jake Frank.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, at approximately 5:30 p.m. will be the War-Bonnet and Ceremony to pay tribute and honor Rudy.

Ladies will follow with shell dresses and Pa-ta-pa (ceremonial hats) in tribute and honor to Trudee.

Welcome anyone to join in the tribute. Must be in (men) bonnets and (ladies) shell dress and ceremonial hat.

Head stone and memorial

There will be a head stone unveiling and memorial for Warren "Rudy" Clements on Saturday, February 3, 2007.

The unveiling of the head stone will be at 9 a.m. at the Agency Cemetery. Washat Service begins at the

Simnasho Longhouse at 10 a.m. Memorial dinner at 1:30 p.m. Name giving to follow.

Resort explains request guidelines

Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino's main focus on giving is centered on tribal member youth and elders. We receive over 2,000 requests annually to assist with fund-raising efforts of community and charitable organizations. Due to this large number of requests, we have established the following guidelines:

Donation or sponsorship of activities or events with an emphasis on education, health, safety and welfare.

Regional focus for donation and sponsorship to groups, individuals or organizations located within the local community (Warm Springs) and extended local community (Madras to Bend).

If your group, individual or organization is located outside

of the above areas, consideration will depend on the nature and scope of the request or event.

Request must contain:

Contact person name, address and phone for response. Date of the event. If fundraiser, how the proceeds from the event will be used. If requesting for registration fee, you must attach the following:

Team sports - registration form and team roster; conference attendance - registration form and list of attendees. Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino will not reimburse fees already paid. If requesting for uniforms or awards, include three bids from different vendors - donation committee will select vendor to be used.

Approval of a donation or

sponsorship does not constitute automatic approval for future requests. Requests are considered on an individual basis. If you would like to request a donation or sponsorship for your group, individual or organization, please send your letter to:

Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino, attn: Donation Committee; P.O. box 1240, Warm Springs, OR 97761. Fax (541) 553-1012. Donation Committee questions, call (541) 553-1112.

Legislators skeptical of Spokane Tribe's gambling plan

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) - A proposed Spokane Tribe of Indians gambling agreement is unfair to other tribes and represents a major expansion of tribal gaming, skeptical legislators say.

The Eastern Washington tribe is asking the state and federal government to end more than a decade of legal challenges and approve the gaming compact, which would make the Spokanes one of the state's largest casino operators.

Tribal secretary Gerald Nicodemus told lawmakers the agreement allowing as many as 4,700 slot-style machines at five sites would be a good deal for both the tribe and region.

"This compact will be our best chance to impact our tribe's future in a significant and historic way," Nicodemus told House and Senate members on Tuesday.

The state gambling commission has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed agreement Feb. 9 in Olympia. The compact needs approval of the commission, Gov. Chris Gregoire and the federal government.

Lawmakers said the proposal would be a dramatic expansion of the \$1.2 billion Indian gaming industry in the state.

The Spokane tribe is the only gambling tribe that has not negotiated an agreement with the state. State and federal officials contend Nevada-style slot machines in the tribe's casinos are illegal.

The proposed compact "rewards illegal operations and encourages a tremendous expansion of gambling," said Sen. Jim

Honeyford, R-Sunnyside.

Sen. Margarita Prentice, D-Renton, predicted that many of the 27 tribes that have gaming compacts with the state will oppose the Spokanes' compact. "I think they'll be really angry, because they are now," she said.

The plan is a sign of a "new and positive relationship" between the state and tribe, Nicodemus said. Casino revenues would pay for better education for the tribe's children, better health care for its elders and a diversified reservation economy, he said.

Current law allows each tribe to have a total of 675 slot-style machines. Larger tribes can increase that number by leasing machines from smaller tribes.

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