

State may revoke Rainbow liquor license

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The owner of Rainbow Market has requested an independent administrative hearing to determine whether her liquor license should be revoked.

The hearing isn't expected to occur until early next year, possibly January or February, according to the state and the attorney representing Roxanne McInturff, owner of Rainbow Market.

An inspector with the Oregon Liquor Control Commission ticketed the market last month for a "history of serious and persistent problems."

Jefferson County deputies responded to 80 calls at or near the establishment within the past 18 months ending in September.

According to a letter sent by the commission to McInturff and her attorney, Tim Gassner, there have been "50 serious incidents" and "30 less serious incidents" at Rainbow Market since February 2, 2008.

"Incidents have included pub-

lic drunkenness, fights, altercations, harassment, criminal mischief, disorderly conduct and unlawful activity. ...Numerous incidents included one or more patrons who were intoxicated. Forty incidents have involved harm or the threat of harm, with feet and fists frequently being used as weapons. Multiple incidents involved guns. Several minors were involved in incidents," the letter stated.

"Many incidents involve people who previously caused problems at the premises, were trespassed from the premises, and were then allowed to return."

Gassner disagrees with the assertion that the market is the site of origin for all of the events. He said incidents aren't always related to the market itself, just near it.

"It's the most identifiable location there from the base of the hill to the bridge, even though you have a trailer park, a state park, Riffle," Gassner said. "Anything that goes on there is characterized as in the vicinity of the Rainbow Market."

His client has already implemented a variety of security improvements, Gassner also said. "My client would consider any suggestion that is reasonable," he said.

The business is near the reservation but not within it. It's in the far north section of Jefferson County. Tourists shop there because it's on the highway and near the Deschutes River. And transients hang around because the old fixtures of a long-gone gas station provide places to sit, rest, congregate and consume alcohol.

McInturff sold the gas station property next to the market to the tribe several years ago.

Warm Springs residents also frequent the store, which sells groceries and stays open until 10 or 11 p.m. — longer than virtually every other business in or near Warm Springs.

There are some exceptions. Kah-Nee-Ta closes at 2 a.m. during the week and 4 a.m. on weekends. And the Shell gasoline station runs its pumps around the clock.

Rainbow is the only retailer legally selling take-away alcohol near the reservation, however. The only other business licensed by the state to sell liquor is the Kah-Nee-Ta, in Warm Springs but several miles away from most of the homes on the reservation.

If this judge finds McInturff should be stripped of her license, she can continue appealing the decision until it reaches the state appellate court.

Tribal and area law enforcement officials are concerned that people wanting alcohol will be driving to Madras to buy it, which will make Highway 26 more dangerous at night and in the early morning hours for all drivers because of additional traffic and more drunken drivers.

McInturff has owned the business on her own since 1984. She owned it jointly with her then-husband before that.

Rainbow's license was suspended last year for about three weeks.

Clinic lab supervisor taking new position

Jennette Chase-Wilson, laboratory supervisor at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center, has accepted a new position. Chase-Wilson has been selected to be a member of the Office of Information Technology National Laboratory Consultant Team.

Chase-Wilson has been the laboratory supervisor at the Warm Springs clinic for the past 11 years. During her time there, she has overseen improved automation and computerization of the laboratory.

She has overseen expanded staffing, trained new phlebotomist, and increased the workload in-house by 95 percent. The number of tests performed in-house in 1998 was 16. Now there are 139. The test volume per year has gone from around 8,000 to more than 85,000.

Chase-Wilson said she is excited about her new position.

"I will be traveling to tribal, Indian Health and urban centers all over the U.S. to help prepare and update their health care systems and bring in electronic health records," she said.

"My first trip later this month is to the Aleutian Pribilof Island Association in Alaska. Then I am off to Albuquerque for two weeks."

Chase-Wilson said, "Fortunately, although I am no longer a part of the staff at Warm Springs, I will be based here between trips. I will definitely miss the lab, as I have been a medical technologist for more than 40 years."

On the other hand, she said, "I will be able to share some of my knowledge and experience with others all over the United States."

Agreement: present and future benefits

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"And so they decided that it was more important to keep the transmission line on the southern corridor rather than having it moved, because it provided certain capabilities not only for the tribes but for tribal partners."

The tribes conducted an analysis to determine what would be the best use for the land on the southern corridor. It was determined that the existing transmission line had value, and that expanding that corridor at some time to provide for another transmission line would be an excellent use for that land.

The task for the tribes at that time was to extinguish the old transmission line arrangement while putting together a new agreement.

"This is a good and exciting day," said Tribal Council Chairman Ron Suppah. "Today, we're in hard times. But good things like this that should lift our spirits."

Future benefit

The undertaking of the last few years, said Johnston, has been to expand the southern corridor with another transmission line, while at the same time diminishing the

northern corridor rights.

"So we've basically taken one possibility of right of way from the northern corridor and put it on the southern," he said. "And in so doing, the tribe is obviously an active participant in the electric utility industry."

The agreement has benefits for both the present and the future, secretary-treasurer Calica said.

For example, he said, one possibility that has opened up is the building of a tower to improve cell phone coverage on the reservation.

The tribes and BPA signed the new agreement on Monday at the BPA offices in Portland.

At the signing Steve Wright, BPA administrator, said, "We're going to celebrate this day. But we're also going to celebrate this relationship that has evolved between the tribes and the agency."

"Four years ago, we sat down with members of the Tribal Council to find a way to solve problems with this transmission agreement. We've shown that a group of people can work together to change the course of history."

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