

## New Indian Letters to the Editor Head

By Duran Bobb

From the highway, it may not look like much has been done.

However, beyond highway 26 there is invisible heavy machinery in motion.

"We are working closely with the architects, general contractor and tribal engineering to get the preliminary designs completed so that we can begin the preparation work," Deepak Sehgal, chairman of the Gaming Enterprise board, said.

Planning is being done as well on the interior design which will give the casino its final look and feel.

"We are going the extra mile to try to incorporate some green designs into the functionality of the facility."

*Spilyay Speaks*

This includes CFL lighting and LED lights. The temporary casino will also feature a unique air ventilation system which will replenish the air inside every five minutes.

At another level, the tribes and state are involved with the effort to revise the compact, allowing for the move and an increase in the number of slot machines.

"We have had a couple of meetings and have identified a few issues we will have to work through... We want to be able to get this done in a timely manner so that we can get this facility built and operational by the new year."

The Tymoo asked tribal members for their thoughts on the New Indian Head Casino.

"Why does it have to be a temporary casino?" Sara Starr asked. "Can they just stay by the Plaza?"

Dempsey Polk was concerned whether or not tribal members would be recruited for management.

"I wish they would put the permanent casino off the grade between Warm Springs and Madras," Kim Medina said. "That's prime estate going to waste."

Jimmy Tohet Sr. was concerned about a successor program. "We need one at each place of employment."

"I'm hoping... the revenue can be geared towards education or a youth employment/development program," Jonathan Smith said. "Versus the general fund, which seems to subsidize programs which may be going in the red."

Dawn Osmond was concerned about salary caps. "In the future, salaries or hiring freezes will be equal throughout the organization."

### Please return

Hello, Warm Springs. I am writing on behalf of my son Preston. He set his sweater down at the Root Feast rodeo while he participated in the wild colt race.

In his pocket was his Ipod Touch. I am writing to ask that it be returned because Preston paid for half the cost of his Ipod himself. It was his reward for getting good grades.

It is custom engraved on the back, "Roo Stevens #18."

I don't care who took it or found it, I just want it returned please.

He worked hard for his Ipod and so did his stepmother who, paid for the other half of the cost. It may only be a material possession, but something like this is not afforded easily.

So please call me at work, 553-1112 and leave a message for me at the front desk. Thank you.

Orlando Stevens.

### Recent article

With a heavy heart and tears in my eyes I write concerning the article on Waylon Weaselhead recently. He is my grand nephew. He doesn't know me—I knew about him but we never did visit.

However, I had his older brother in my home and his sister. Ed was only 12 then. I cried to have let him go but he wanted to be back home in Springs. He was a handful, but it was not in vain. They say to "release them when they leave you, and love will bring them back."

He wrote me from jail and said "grandma, I remember you are the one that taught me about Jesus and I still remember the Scriptures you taught me."

So he reached out to God in time of trouble. I send more of the word of God. And now he wants to come back. Im trying to get something worked out here so he can come. Pray with me!

Waylon said he heard God had a plan for everyone. That is true. No, its not drugs and alcohol. In the Bible it says, "See I know my plans for you. They are not evil but good. But you need to call on Jesus, get him involved in your life—get to know him—and search for that plan he has for you..."

One year ago I was on my way to Browning, Montana for a special weekend meeting where we would preach. I got

the call about "the crime." I cried, on the car I cried, "oh God don't let him get shot and don't let them shoot anymore."

In church I even asked prayer about it. Thank God! He heard and he answered my prayer. My grandson, you we still in the land of the living! Because you do have someone praying for you. And I want to be in touch to be a strength to you... Put me on your list so I can write...

With love, Grandma **Rose Williams**, P.O. Box 1424, Marysville, WA 98270.

### Tragic incident

There was a 32-year-old police officer named Chris Kilcullen in Eugene who was shot and killed by a woman who was in her 40s.

She was being stopped for a traffic violation. All of this happened in Eugene on April 22, 2011.

Chris K. was a very well-respected police officer in Eugene. There was a policeman from Chicago that came to Eugene for the Chris's funeral services.

Chris is survived by his beautiful wife, Chrystine, and a cute daughter, her name is Sydney.

When I first heard of this murder in Eugene, I felt like I wanted to start crying, but I am now praying for his wife and daughter, and for all the other police officers everywhere.

Always obey the laws. Thank you.

**Evette Patt**, 50 Kourt Dr., apt. 3, Eugene OR 97404.

### HeHe youth conference

The Warm Springs Community Counseling Center staff will be hosting the 2011 HeHe Butte Prevention Conference in July.

We are inviting the nine tribes of Oregon to bring youth and participate in this conference, with a total of 100 spots available for Native youth ages 13-18.

All who are interested in attending, both adults and youth, should apply. We encourage as many Warm Springs people to apply as possible, because if some of the tribes opt not to participate in this year's prevention conference, there will be more spots available for Warm Springs people to attend.

This will be a four-day conference. Gatekeeper training will be a facet to help youth recognize warning signs of a suicidal crisis and to properly respond to this situation. Other activities will be included, both traditional and recreational. A rafting trip and equine program will be featured for those who would like to participate. Chances to win prizes will be present throughout the duration of the conference, to be held July 11-14 at the HeHe Longhouse.

We want to help reduce risk factors and increase protective factors with Native youth across the state of Oregon. Training youth to recognize signs and help prevent suicide and learn about other risk behaviors are essential to doing this. For more information, you can call me at 541-553-3205 or 971-678-0387. Or email: michael.martinez@wstribes.org

**Michael Martinez**, Warm Springs Meth and Suicide Prevention Initiative

### Regarding list

The Sex Offender Registration and Notification office wishes to apologize to any person who has been mistakenly identified as a sex offender due to the fact that he or she shares the same name as a person on the sex offenders registry.

This office has made changes in how we list persons, in hopes of avoiding any further confusion.

Sincerely, **Rich Vigil**, Registration Manager.

### Fish hatchery

Greetings to all from the Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery. As we head into the 2011 spring chinook brood collecting year, we would like to remind the community of basic safety and security guidelines when visiting the hatchery:

Visitors, please park in visitor parking areas by the flagpole. All personnel not employed by the Warm Springs hatchery, please check in before proceeding beyond the visitor parking lot.

Please remember to call ahead if a group tour will be necessary, 541-553-1692.

All restrooms are handicap accessible.

Daily visiting hours are 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Please throw all trash in the cans provided.

Please note that the Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery is on leased reservation land. Areas within the gate/cattle guard are under federal authority and considered the Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery compound, under U.S. Fish and Wildlife regulations and jurisdiction. Any perceived restrictions are intended for the safety and employment of all!

Respectfully,  
**Roger Sorensen**, project leader.

### Crossing

We at Eagle Crossing Restaurant would like to address some concerns that have come to our attention regarding rumors that have been going around the community. We have worked hard to remove, clean and maintain our restaurant to meet our expectations and those of our community. The rumors regarding our preparation practices are completely untrue. Nancy Collins, the health inspector, recently came into Eagle Crossing for an unannounced inspection of the restaurant. She found that we are in compliance with the required regulations. Nancy has such confidence in the preparation of the food at Eagle Crossing that she is a frequent diner with us.

Both Brenda Nathan and myself, Randy Nathan are always in and out of the restaurant to observe how our employees are working, both in the front and in the kitchen. We are constantly checking the quality of the food produced at the restaurant.

In today's economy with his unemployment, our employees are very grateful to have a job. They all are proud and dedicated workers at Eagle Crossing. We are committed to providing the best dining experience for the Warm Springs community. Our employees all have current good handlers cards, so they know what needs to be done to handle food in a safe manner. They would not do anything to jeopardize their jobs or the safety of their guests, as any intentional misuse of food would not be tolerated and would be cause for immediate termination.

We welcome your comments, questions and concerns. We want to hear from you. You can talk to us in person, call the restaurant at 541-553-3123, or call the office at 541-553-1200. Our

email is eaglecrossing09@yahoo.com. Or on Facebook under Eagle Crossing.

We as a community cannot let rumors, especially from a former employee and questionable source undermine our support of our few local businesses. We thank you for that continued support especially during these trying economic times.

Sincerely,  
**Randy and Brenda Nathan**.

### PL 280

In a major victory for Tribes, Congress amended public law (pl) 280 in 1968 to require that no state could obtain jurisdiction in the future under public law 280 unless the Tribe consented by referendum vote of Tribal members. Warm Springs is the only remaining Rez in Oregon not under (pl) 280. To vote on this issue is not only a Tribal right but also a federal law.

Thank you for your time.  
**Anthony Littleleaf**.

### No Trespassing

We would like to let our friends and neighbors know that suspicious activity has been happening in our area on Mt. Jefferson Street.

Please keep an eye out and report it when you see people taking things out of homes. We scratch each others' backs and we all stay safe.

If anyone has recently purchased a 32-inch TV with a DVD player or 4 tires - please be aware that these may be stolen items.

This is a public no trespassing notification. Thank you.  
**LaDonna Raye Picard Squiemphen**.

### Wishes...

Happy birthday, Brook! Love, Dad.

### Clarification

A name needs to be clarified that was included in the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act registration and notification list (May 4 Spilyay).

The James Wolfe refers to Lani Armstrong Wolfe, date of birth Dec. 4, 1950. The Spilyay apologizes for this.

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### Indian Business Talk

## Cost of gas adds to the cost of shopping off rez

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What do you spend for gas to drive to Madras, Redmond, Bend or The Dalles?

That is how much you might save, if the stores were in Warm Springs.

The cost of gas adds to the total cost of your shopping off the reservation. Repairs and maintenance would be another calculation that we won't even consider for this article.

How many miles per gallon do you get with your vehicle?

How many miles to you get per tank of gas?

To figure that out, the math is easy: Write down your odometer mileage figure each time you gas up. You do need to fill the tank to the automatic turn off for this to work.

Then, subtract the previous figure from the current one to find how many miles you have driven since the last fill up.

Divide the number of miles driven by the amount of gas you just bought. The answer is your miles per gallon (mpg).

Let's assume it is about a 30 mile round-trip for Madras; 82 for Redmond; and 114 for

Bend.

Below are the costs for gas for each of the three destinations for a 30 mpg car; a 20 mpg van; and a 12 mpg pickup.

I am using \$4 a gallon gas for these calculations.

The 30 mpg car uses one gallon of gas and costs \$4 for the trip to and from Madras.

The van uses 1 1/2 gallons at a cost of \$6 for the same trip.

The pickup uses 2 1/2 gallons at a cost of \$10 for the same trip.

The costs for gas for the 82 mile round-trip for Redmond would be approximately:

2.73 gallons for the car at a

cost of \$10.93.

4.1 gallons for the van at a cost of \$16.40.

6.83 gallons for the pickup at a cost of \$27.33.

And, for the 114 mile trip to and from Bend:

3.8 gallons for the car—you will spend \$15.20.

5.7 gallons for the van—the cost is \$22.80

9.5 gallons for the pickup—can you really afford this?—\$38.

Next time we will talk about some of the legal, physical, and education/training infrastructures that help local economies to grow and to thrive.