

Applying to Serve Letters to the Editor

By Duran Bobb

Here is a move that most tribal members expected to come sooner or later. Some even welcomed the day, while others reject the very idea.

Until June 14, signs on the doors of Indian Head will announce that the casino has applied for a liquor license.

The application requests permission to serve alcoholic beverages on-premise, seven days a week, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"I understand this is so we can generate more revenue," Danni Herkshan-Katchia said. "However, I don't know if we are going to cause more trouble than it is worth?"

"Generating revenue is starting to be very important," Jonathan Smith said. "As long as we're not selling our lands or giving away rights, then we have to start being creative."

"I've never ordered a glass of wine with my meal," Jeremiah Johnson said. "Never. I don't know many people that would. I don't think [the casino's] intent is to create more problems."

"Unless we shut down the Rainbow, why not open the entire reservation?" Sandra Danzuka said. "Otherwise, what's the point of a dry rez?"

"It is a restaurant," Ina Anderson said. "Most restaurants serve beer, wine or a drink. I think as long as it is kept that way for the tourists, then why not?"

"It's offensive that the casino moved forward with this," Aurolyn Stwyer-Pinkham said. "I would like an accounting of the current profit along with the potential profit with a liquor license."

"It is bad," Dawn Kathleen Osmond said. "What kind of insurance is needed to protect from lawsuits?"

"Being in recovery, I say no," Yvette Leecy said. "[When you're using], you don't see family or friends who are right in front of you. I'd rather see a treatment center on the rez."

"I would love to see them stick with a strict serving policy," Jerry Brunoe said. "Never serve them more than one alcoholic drink, and you will never be held liable."

"The casino isn't going to transform into a bar or [seedy establishment]," Hazel Smith said. "Adults who are capable of doing harm to themselves will always find a way to accomplish that goal."

Spilyay Speaks

The salmon

The Warm Springs River is the very last of all the Deschutes River tributaries to still have native wild spring chinook salmon. The dams killed off all of the other salmon runs that migrated up river.

Tribal members take pride in the fact that the rez still has these sacred spring chinooks. By Treaty rights those salmonids are private property of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Nineteen seventy-eight a fish hatchery was put up along side of the Warm Springs River. It is the Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery. The start up, they used Warm Springs River native stock.

Most hatchery managers' main concern is to replenish salmon and steelhead for all of those sport fishermen and commercial fishermen on the Lower Columbia, Alaska and Canada who intercept millions of salmon from the Columbia River and tributaries.

Our salmon face a lot of dangers on both their down and up river migration. The hydro dam turbines kill millions of smolts, predators also kill and devour millions, predators such as California sea lions, Northern pike minnow, bass and other fish and sea birds.

For years at the fish hatchery management knows of the many river otters that have been free to enter those long cement holding pools to feed heavily on the entrapped juvenile salmon, it used to be night until morning. The river otter population has grown larger, now that slaughter needs to stop.

The fiduciary employee needs to do their legal and moral obligation. The tribal members need otter pelts, which are an important part of girls' and ladies' traditional regalia.

Respectfully,
Anthony Littleleaf.

T-ball team

This year I had the privilege of coaching the Diamondbacks t-ball team and had an amazing, talented, bright group of athletes!

I wanted to take the time to acknowledge the support of the families, our players rarely missed games and practices.

We always had a crowd even on non-game days and it made an obvious differences in the players attitudes. It truly felt like the team extended beyond the coaches and players to the families and to me that is proof of a strong community.

I would also like to thank Jayce Allen for stepping up and being our co-coach. He came to every practice and game, dedicated his time to teaching the players offensive and defensive skills and didn't just go the extra mile but the extra ten.

Thank you,
Carina Miller

Recent visit

I recently visited the United States for the first time, as part of the World Affair Tour. During the trip, we visited the Warm Springs Reservation.

It was a very beautiful and instructive time. I have met many different people.

Meeting Indians was very interesting. I had never been to a reservation. I did not know that they are "nations" with their own laws.

I am originally from Turkey. We learn about Indians in school, but it was much more exotic. We knew Indians only from movies, and we thought they would today still be the same.

I hope one day to return to Warm Springs. Thank you.

Ali Ozgur Ozdil, Hamburg, Germany

Happy Birthday

Happy Tenth Anniversary to my husband, other half, best friend, mate for life... my baby!

Great season for point guard

We would like to thank the following people for their generous donations:

Warm Springs Composite Products, Warm Springs Power & Water Enterprises, DMJ's Automotive, Warm Springs Credit Enterprise staff; Darrell Smith, Bob Macy, Shawn Harry and family, Mackie Begay and family, Stacy and Jake Johns, Sherlyn, Rob R., Jamie W., and Debbie Scott.

We would also like to thank Jered's cousins, Latisha and Kiana Waheneka and Shawneen Johns for fundraising they did through their bake sales.

Jered Pichette had an awesome season playing starting point guard with the Oregon D1 Ambassadors AAU team based out of Portland.

This was a 15-under/freshman team. We are happy to say he had heavy minutes and was well liked by the ball club.

They traveled and played in big tournaments such as Salem's March Madness, the Northwest Premier Spring Showcase in Bellevue, Wash., Best Buy's Mile High Classic in Denver, Colo., Idaho Select's Northwest Premier Invitational in Boise, and



Jered Pichette

Double Pump's tournament in Salem.

These tournaments are for teams pursuing the highest levels of competition and exposure. Some were also NCAA sanctioned certified tournaments, which means there were college scouts in attendance—from schools ranging from Division 1 on down.

This was a great opportunity for Jered. He was able to compete against some of the Northwest's greatest and also some of the super elite teams from around the nation.

A highlight for Jered personally was that he got to fly on plane for the first time, when going to Denver.

The Oregon D1 Ambassadors team almost had a championship in one of the tournaments. But they fell

short by 10 points.

Jered also received an invite to fly to Japan this summer by one of his coaches, "Pip" Bloodsaw, who is also the coach for the International Basketball League team, the Vancouver Volcanoes.

There, he would play in five games, which would be considered the headliner game before the International Basketball League games.

Jered is serious about, not just the game, but his grades too. He currently has all A's and one B.

His dream is to still play basketball for a big college some day. It's opportunities like this that will hopefully get him there, but for him to compete on this great level of basketball... it comes at a very high cost financially and it wouldn't of been possible without the donations and support from the numerous people of Warm Springs.

Once again, thanks for your kindness and support to our son. (For more information about Jered and his team you can go to D1nation.com).

Sincerely,
Jason and Adeva Pichette

David Belgard Sr. I love you very much. Thanks for being there when I need you, so caring and loving for one another in our time we need each other. Love, your wife, other half, best friend... your baby! Dinah Belgard.

Happy 10th Birthday Robert Wilfred Windy Boy! On June 7, 2002 at 3:01 a.m. the most adorable son was born! Love Forever Mama Sugar Bear and Daddy Mark.



Canoe Family preparing for 2012 Journey

"I've made life long friends during the Canoe Journey. People who can share laughs and care for anyone and everyone. There are a lot of people who made me want to do better in the Canoe Family. They are like a second family to me, and always will be." – Lisa Ike-Lopez, 17.

A journey of youth and elders growing together, developing leadership, embracing relative Northwest indigenous cultures, and becoming a family happens year-round for N'chi Wanapum of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. N'chi Wanapum is an alcohol and drug free community project fiscally sponsored by the Museum At Warm Springs.

The project was developed to create a unique group where students and teachers come together in one full circle. Each summer, the group ventures with thousands of Northwest tribal community members on a journey to a tribal community on the Pacific Ocean by way of canoe, taking near two to three weeks depending on ancestral territories and location.

The Canoe Journey was started in 1989 with five canoes and has since grown to near 150 tribal canoes annually. 2012 will be Warm Springs' third Tribal Canoe



N'chi Wanapum Canoe Family on the Columbia River.

Journey and our second year in existence on a 36-foot, 18 passenger tribal canoe.

"Canoe Journey really made a difference in my life. I got to meet people that I probably wouldn't have if I didn't join. Many memories were built and I wouldn't forget them, ever. We also had moments that made us stronger as a family. Canoe Journey affected my life like I never thought it would." – Jasmine Ike-Lopez, 14.

The group of volunteers has grown consistently each year since 2010, participating year-round in community events and cultural education. Canoe Journey participation has also significantly increased from 2010 (39 people) to 2011 (59 people). For 2012, we are projecting to support approximately 80 people, entering our ancestral territory in the Columbia Gorge on July 12 to land on Squaxin Island in Washington on July

29.

Upon arrival, all the tribes and surrounding communities participate in weeklong presentations of cultural sharing, songs, dance, and feasting.

"Overall this was probably one of the greatest trips I ever went on with the Canoe Family. I, myself, felt like it was the right thing to do because I love coming together and it also gives us more memories to keep." – Marjorie Smith, 15.

We are at the final stages of fundraising to participate in the Annual Tribal Canoe Journey.

We project this year's journey will cost approximately \$12,000. Costs have risen due to the economy, yet also due to increased community participation (2010 cost \$6,000 and 2011 cost \$9,400).

Organizational wise, we have also grown to the point of requiring a 50' x 25' shed or covered area for our cur-

rent and future youth canoes, a 4x4 truck for towing our canoe, a 15-passenger van, and an enclosed trailer for hauling equipment. Along the way we gift items to the host nations and communities and have our largest giveaway at our final destination, Squaxin Island 2012.

"The Canoe Journey is a big part of my life and now all these people who were strangers to me are now my family." – Dakota Stacona, 18.

We would love to continue to change lives, reach out into the community, educate, share, and revitalize history through youth empowerment and spirituality. All N'chi Wanapum or Warm Springs Canoe Project donations may be made through the Museum At Warm Springs, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Your help is incredibly appreciated and we would love to acknowledge you for your generous efforts during these tough times. Thank You so much!

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