

# Cedar Basket features Native creations

The Cedar Basket Gift Shop at Indian Head Casino sells jewelry made exclusively by tribal members.

The shop now has 90 tribal member vendors, said Janell Smith, gift services manager.

The gift shop purchases the beaded and other jewelry, or sells the items on consignment, Smith said.

The shop has three full-time employees: Leneya Smith, Tiyanna Tuckta and Jennifer Hintsala. The shop is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Besides the Native American beadwork, jewelry and huckleberry products, the shop has items like t-shirts, hats and other Indian Head memorabilia.

The shop also has flutes by Charles Littleleaf.

This month the Indian Head water bottles are on



Cedar baskets, and jewelry by tribal members at gift shop.

If you have an Indian Head Players Club Card, you get a 10-percent discount on certain Cedar Basket merchandise. You can reach the shop at 541-460-7734. Also see: indianheadgaming.com

# Chief back at work

Warm Springs Chief Delvis "Bullneck" Heath was back at work this week, following a medical emergency that happened last week.

Not only was Chief Heath back on Tribal Council on Monday and Tuesday, he was able to go back to the Tygh Valley Rodeo over the weekend.

"He wanted to watch his grandkids and horses," said his granddaughter Lillian Heath, who works at Vital Statistics.

As things turned out at Tygh Valley, the Chief's horse Mr. Bequero won the rodeo Memorial Race.

Chief Heath was at Tygh Valley on Thursday of last week when he experienced a heart problem. He was taken to The Dalles, and then flown to the hospital in Portland for treatment.

Two days later he was back at Tygh Valley for the rodeo.

The doctor told him that was okay as long as he took it easy with no heavy lifting.

"He is very thankful and glad to be here," said his wife Shirley. "He is lucky in that he has stayed active with golf, walking the holes and carrying the clubs," she said.

And he wanted to get back to work, she said. "The doctor said no heavy lifting. He told the doctor, 'All I have to do is sit on my butt,'" Shirley said.

During the brief time he was in the hospital at Portland, Chief Heath was surprised to see some unexpected visitors, including Bodie Shaw, BIA deputy regional director for Trust Services; and former Oregon Gov. Vic Atiyeh, who has been friends with Chief Heath for many years.

"He was very happy to see them," Shirley said.

# Tribes open 2012 fall commercial fishery

The Warm Springs, Nez Perce, Umatilla and Yakama tribes opened the first of three commercial gillnet fishing periods for the 2012 fall

commercial season this week. During the fall fishery, tribal fishers will harvest approximately 160,000 fish or an estimated 2 million

pounds. The tribal sales allow the public to purchase salmon, steelhead and coho directly from tribal fishers.

Fisheries biologists estimate that 500,000 upriver fall chinook and 364,000 summer steelhead will enter the Columbia River. Many of the fall chinook returning to the Columbia River are the direct result of tribal restoration efforts, joint state-tribal programs and several tribal-federal partnerships.

Harvest managers will monitor the runs on a continual basis and adjust the harvest levels and fishing periods accordingly.

"The fall fisheries is often considered the backbone to the tribal fishery because it provides an important economic resource to the tribal communities and their families," said Paul Lumley, executive director of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

"The tribes' pride themselves on their ability to share the tradition of the tribal fishery. We work hard to rebuild

these fisheries so that everyone can benefit from healthy and sustainable salmon returns."

The tribal fishery offers an ample supply of fish for the public through over-the-bank sales. Common sales locations include: Marine Park in Cascade Locks, Lone Pine in The Dalles, North Bonneville - one mile east of Bonneville Dam, and Columbia Point in Washington's Tri-Cities area.

• Sales from tribal fishers generally run from 10 a.m. to dusk.

• Price is determined at the point of sale.

• Most sales are cash only.

• Buyers should request a receipt.

• Tribal fishers can advise on topics including fish freshness and preparation.

The public is urged to call the salmon marketing program at (888) 289-1855 before heading up the river to find out where the day's catch is being sold. More information is available on the salmon marketing website: critfc.org/harvest

# Weavers Gathering



Natalie Moody (front) and Merle Kirk (standing) were teachers at the first Weaver's Teaching Weavers Basketry Workshop sponsored by Northwest Indian College. Kelli Palmer, volunteer local coordinator, helped to find teachers and worked with Kah-Nee-Ta to host the event. The workshop will travel to new locations with funding from a three-year grant.



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