

Reviving the good old game of marbles

Marbles were a big thing here in Warm Springs in the 1950's and early 60's.

Many competed in the Oregon State Marble Championships. Lyle Rhoan Sr. probably had the largest collection of marbles here in Central Oregon.

At the Deschutes County Fair earlier this month, Rhoan and Charles King of Beaverton gave a marble demonstration.

The demonstration, "How to Play Marbles," was sponsored by the Bend Historical Society. Both Rhoan and King are skilled players, with many years of experience.

Rhoan played in championship games in Warm Springs and other state marble tournaments, finishing his marble games in 1956.

King won the City of Prineville Marble Championship in 1954, 1955 and 1956. He won sixth in the State Tournament and third in Eastern Oregon.

Both men played at Janzen Beach Amusement Park State



Courtesy of Arlita Rhoan.

Charles King and Lyle Rhoan Sr. demonstrate marbles at the Deschutes County Fair.

finals sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Many young boys of this era walked around with pocket full of marbles, ready to challenge all comers, said Arlita Rhoan, of the Culture and Heritage Department.

Young people, she said,

might enjoy another competition here in Warm Springs, Simnasho, Sidwalter and Seekseequa.

At the Deschutes County Fair, on August 5, Rhoan and King played on carpet, in a ring the size of a Hula Hoop.

Charles was playing with

two children and his brother Michael King, age 69, and explaining the game to the children, when Lyle Rhoan showed up at the demonstration. Lyle watched the demonstration, seeing Charles miss many shots but still winning the game.

Middle, high school sports physicals at IHS

School sports physicals will be done at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center on Tuesday, Sept. 11 starting at 3 p.m. The physicals are done on a first come, first serve basis.

Middle and High school athletes who are Indian Health Service eligible can participate. There is a form that needs to be completed and parents must accompany their student to the physical.

Indian Head sponsoring Run to Cascades rally at Deschutes Co. Fair & Expo

Indian Head Casino is the title sponsor of the Run to the Cascades Motorcycle Rally to be held at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo on September 7-8.

This is the second consecutive year of the event that was resurrected following a rally that was held after the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

The event is to remember the lives lost and salute the men and women (past and present) of our military, fire and police departments.

The weekend rally at the fairgrounds includes a variety of events including live music, motorcycle poker runs and a 9/11 Parade.

The popular classic rock band Foghat will perform on Saturday, Sept. 8 and The Knights of Mayhem Jousting will have performances all day that Saturday. And 2012 Mountain Country Superstar Jackson Michelson will perform with the Concrete Cowboys on Friday, Sept. 7.

Indian Head Casino will host a Motorcycle Poker Run on Friday, Sept. 7 from 3-7

p.m. The outside event will feature live music and a barbeque.

Registration and the start of the poker run will be at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center at the Indian Head Casino booth beginning at 11 a.m. Cost is \$5 per hand. Kick stands will be up at 1 p.m. and the poker run will be about 75 miles.

Guests not participating in the poker run can buy a hand to support the event from 3-4 p.m. at the casino. Proceeds for the Indian Head Casino poker run will benefit the Warm Springs veterans and youth organizations. Indian Head Casino will also hold Casino Hot Seat drawings beginning August 28 and up to the rally for tickets to the various events.

Admission to the event at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center is \$15 a day, \$25 weekend and free for kids 12 and under. More on the event can be found at:

runtothecascades.com
Or at:
Indianheadgaming.com/promotions

New position brings Chavez to Portland

By Jerry Brunoe
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During late June, tribal member Falena Chavez was transferred from group specialist at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Spa to sales coordinator in the Portland sales office.

She moved from the reservation to Portland for her job. Her new duties correlate with the duties from her previous position. "I am on the opposite end of the previous position," she said recently.

Chavez is now in charge of filing and distributing every sales contract from the initial phone call to the group survey after the group's departure from their stay at



Falena Chavez

Kah-Nee-Ta.

"It's a lot more paperwork to keep track of," she says. She also notes that she records each task so any sales manager can pinpoint the stage of

booking a group is in.

She must scan and send hard copies of paper work to all potential clients. She also answers phone calls and any questions groups have while she is in the office.

She says, "I know that once it's routine, I will most likely be able to do it in my sleep."

Falena has held many positions at Kah-Nee-Ta, including Village gate manager and front desk manager.

She pinpointed the biggest difference between working on resort property and the sales office is the amount of co-workers. She mentioned she is used to having over 100 co-workers at Kah-Nee-Ta.

"There are three of us there at sales," she says. "So, yes, this is quite a difference."

She said her kids are still adjusting and they are looking for a place of their own.

Her husband Thomas Chavez will be starting classes at Carrington College to be a veterinarian tech.

He is starting it at the end of August and it is a 9-month program.

"There's definitely a change of pace," added Chavez on the move to Portland. "It's really noticeable whether you're going from the rez to the city, or from the city to the rez. I also pay more for housing."

Calif. considering off-reservation Indian gaming

California Gov. Jerry Brown is deciding an important issue in regard to Indian gaming.

The decision could have major impacts for the casino industry in general.

For now, tribes with existing reservations have located their casinos on those reservations. Restored tribes have been allowed to develop casinos on lands nearby their restored reservations.

Now, two California tribes whose reservations are in difficult-to-access locations are seeking to build casinos miles from those reservations.

They are hoping to build near the Northern California cities of Madera and Marysville, and along major roads.

This can be done through a two-part process that has become familiar to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

The process allows the U.S. Interior Department to take lands newly purchased by a tribe "in trust" for that tribe, which places the land under tribal sovereignty just like the original reservation.

This has happened a handful of times nationwide but

never in California.

The feds have already signed off on these off-reservation casinos for the two tribes, but the second part is that Brown also would have to give his approval. The decision must be made by the end of the month.

Tribes with existing casinos on nearby reservations oppose the plan, saying it will lead to "reservation shopping," with Indian tribes jumping over each other to gain sovereignty over land closer and closer to metropolitan areas.

California now has more

than 65 casinos among its 109 tribes.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs planned for years to build a casino at Cascade Locks, away from the reservation but within the tribes' Ceded Lands.

The plan was opposed by the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde, which operates Spirit Mountain Casino.

Gov. Kitzhaber has also been opposed to the plan.

Treaty Days Youth Rodeo at Chiloquin

The Klamath Treaty Days Youth Rodeo is Saturday, August 25 in Chiloquin.

All events are open and grand entry is at noon. You need to call in to enter. En-

tries are open August 15 and 16 from 6-9 p.m.

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