

Gaming: decision does not effect Indian Head, H.R. land

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The tribes have had a purchase option for land at Cascade Locks, Karnopp said. A way to recover some of this investment would be to come up with a development project for the site, he said. The money spent so far on the purchase option would off-set the purchase price, he said.

Councilman Jackson said he once supported the Cascade Locks proposal. The project has now cost the tribes close to \$30 million. "I can no longer continue to support any more spending

there," he said.

Councilwoman Evaline Patt asked Karnopp if there is some precedent for a tribe spending this much time and money pursuing a fee-to-trust decision. "At what point should this have gotten in to trust?" she asked.

At the Council meeting last week, Anita Jackson asked to make some comments about the Cascade Locks situation: "From a tribal member's perspective," she said, "nobody seems to be taking responsibility for anything."

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Jackson said, "If someone made a mistake, then fine, we'll move on. But we want to see what happened here, so we can make sure it doesn't happen again."

Priscilla Frank commented there should be an

accounting to the people. "How do we spend \$30 million and have nothing to show for it?"

There should be no finger-pointing, she said. "We need to work together for the best interest of the tribes and the people. We need to get back to that standard."

Before voting on the motion the Council members clarified that the decision would have no effect on tribal authority regarding the east Hood River trust land, or on the gaming compact for Indian Head Casino.

Indian Head Casino

— Employee of the Month —

Richard Hollis

Richard Hollis is the Indian Head Casino Employee of the Month for July. Richard is the lead security officer at the casino.

"He is a great team player, and goes the extra mile with good customer services skills," said Indian Head human resources director Margie Tuckta.



Congratulations Rich!

Howlak Tichum

On July 26, Elmer Crow, Jr. perished in the process of rescuing two of his grandsons from the Snake River at Buffalo Eddy. He died saving those he loved, at a place that he loved, and in a river he loved.

Elmer was born in Orofino, Idaho on March 24, 1944 to Elmer Crow Sr. and Hattie Joy. His blind grandmother Edna Miller took the responsibility of raising Elmer and instilling in him the traditions and culture of the Nez Perce and Cayuse tribes. Under her care, Elmer was taught by numerous tribal elders, including five who had fought in the Nez Perce War. From them, he learned the Nez Perce language, traditional hunting and gathering sites, a love for the land, and techniques for constructing traditional tools and hunting and fishing gear. He was taught traditional and modern hunting and fishing techniques by his father and extended family, and regularly harvested salmon throughout the Nez Perce usual and accustomed fishing areas from Central Idaho to the now-inundated Celilo Falls. The full extent of the wealth of traditional Nez Perce knowledge and culture that was lost with his passing will never be known.

Elmer's dedication to the natural world and to tribal treaty rights guided and drove him in his efforts to protect them. He was one of the first Nez Perce to reopen tribal fishing at Rapid River, a small tributary to Idaho's Salmon River, back in the early 1970's. This small



river became a flashpoint of controversy between the State of Idaho and the Nez Perce over tribal treaty fishing rights in 1980. Elmer was a key tribal leader of the tribal fishermen in this conflict.

In his later years, Elmer worked for the Nez Perce Tribe Fisheries Department's resident fisheries program. In this role, he was responsible for protecting and restoring the non-migratory fish species living throughout Nez Perce Country.

Given his body of knowledge and dedication to the natural resources of the region, Elmer's role expanded into cultural presentations and outreach throughout North America.

Following a series of heart problems and surgeries, Elmer felt he was living on borrowed time and was determined to make this "bonus time" count. He dedicated even more of his life to ensuring the traditional teachings, values, and techniques he was taught as a child would be preserved. In the early 2000's, Elmer constructed the first Nez Perce bighorn sheep horn bow to have been made in sixty years and it was likely that he was the only person still alive to know the technique for building it. He would never write down the involved, 3-month long method, insisting on passing the knowledge one-on-one only to individuals he trusted to use the skill to pre-

serve Nez Perce culture.

Around the time of Elmer's heart problems, the already low Pacific lamprey returns to Idaho began to plummet. Once returning in the millions, in 2009, only 12 lamprey passed Lower Granite Dam, the last major dam before they reached Idaho. Elmer took up this cause, pouring his heart and soul into ensuring the lamprey—or "eels" as he always called them—would be rescued from the brink of extinction. He worked tirelessly with tribal, state, and federal agencies in his mission to save them. He almost single-handedly drove lamprey recovery from obscurity to a funded, active program with regional support.

Elmer is survived by his wife Lynda, children Jeremy (and Margaret), Jarrod (and Amanda), Jayson, and Jamie, and six grandchildren: Khia, Dane, Phinn, Lucy, Sophie, and Henry. He is also survived by his chosen mother Beula Worthen, his sisters Joyce Admyers, Elizabeth Crow, Bernie Lasarte, and Brenda Moses, and his brothers Reggie Crowe, Jeff Crow, Louie Lasarte, Raymond Lasarte, Billy Henry, and Emmit Taylor. Preceding Elmer in death are his parents Elmer Crow, Sr. and Hattie Lasarte and siblings Wendell Crow, Gregory Crow, Ed Crow, and Annie Lasarte.

Memorials may be made to the Elmer Crow Memorial Fund, care of the Nez Perce Tribe, PO Box 365, Lapwai, ID 83540. The fund will be used to further the cause of rescuing the Pacific lamprey from extinction.

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The resort lodge was used for a time to house the fire fighters who were working on the Sunnyside Turnoff blaze. The flames from this fire came very close to the lodge. The rooms sustained smoke damage, and have to be completely cleaned. "When we're done, we will have a very clean resort," Smith said.

The landscape around the resort was blackened by the flames. This will be a deterrent for guests this year, but the hillsides will be green again next year. Smith said he expects the resort to make a strong come-back next year.

The insurance team that coordinated the restoration work hired the Kah-Nee-Ta employees to help with the work. This was very helpful, as these employees otherwise would have been out of work, Smith.

Births

Charles Wolf VanPelt Jr.

Charles Red Elk VanPelt and Martie Wolf VanPelt of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their son Charles Wolf VanPelt Jr., born on July 19, 2013.

Charles Jr. joins brother William, and sister Martie. Grandparents on the father's side are Winona George and Merle George, and the late Wayne VanPelt.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Martie and Bernie Miller, and Gregory Granillo.

Jackson Ray Anderson

Kevin Michael Ball and Kristen Irene Anderson of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their son Jackson Ray Anderson, born on July 23, 2013.

Grandparents on the father's side are Debra McGill and Frank Ball.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Shauna Anderson and Bob Anderson.

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