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Hearings set for Cascade Locks casino proposal

By Dean Rhodes

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Tribal members will have five opportunities starting Monday, March 3, to testify in person about the Warm Springs Tribe's proposal to build an off-reservation casino in Cascade Locks, which is part of the ancestral and historic lands of some of the 26 Tribes and Bands that make up the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

The first meeting concerning the Cascade Locks casino draft environmental impact statement will be held at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert

Resort and Casino on the Warm Springs Reservation on Monday. (See sidebar for schedule of other four meetings.)

All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and will conclude by 8:30 p.m. Speakers will be limited to three minutes each. The draft environmental impact statement can be viewed at www.gorgecasinoeis.com.

The Warm Springs Tribe, which already has a casino on its central Oregon reservation, is seeking to build a 603,000-square-foot riverfront destina-

tion resort and casino on 60 acres of industrially-zoned land in the environmentally sensitive Columbia River Gorge. The Tribe is asking the U.S. Department of Interior to allow 25 acres be taken into trust to accommodate the development.

The Grand Ronde Tribe opposes the proposal for historic and policy reasons.

The Gorge and north shore of the Columbia River are part of the Grand Ronde Tribe's ancestral lands. The

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More meetings are set for:

- ◆ **Monday, March 10:** Gorge Pavilion, 355 Wa-Na-Pa St., Cascade Locks.
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 12:** Rock Creek Center, 710 S.W. Rock Creek Drive, Stevenson, Wash.
- ◆ **Thursday, March 13:** Doubletree Lloyd Center, 1000 N.E. Multnomah St., Portland.
- ◆ **Monday, March 17:** Hood River Middle School, 1602 May St., Hood River.

Tribe celebrates return of the Horner Collection

By Ron Karten

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The Cultural Resources Department will commemorate the return of some 600 items from Oregon State University's Horner Collection at 11 a.m. Friday, March 7, at the Tribal Community Center.

The return of artifacts is the fruit of 10 year's worth of negotiations, which will be honored by the Tribal community. All are invited.

Early in the 20th century, Oregon Agricultural College (now Oregon State University) professor John Horner used his connections around the state to collect thousands of objects of "educational value." These objects eventually became known as the Horner Collection and were moved to the Oregon State campus in 1951, where the collection changed its name to the Horner Museum.

The Horner Museum permanently closed in 1995 due to lack of funding.

In 1998, Oregon State and the Benton County Historical Society agreed to transfer the Horner Collection to the Historical Society.

"Oregon Tribes have been vocal regarding the disposition of the Native American component of the Horner Collection since prior to

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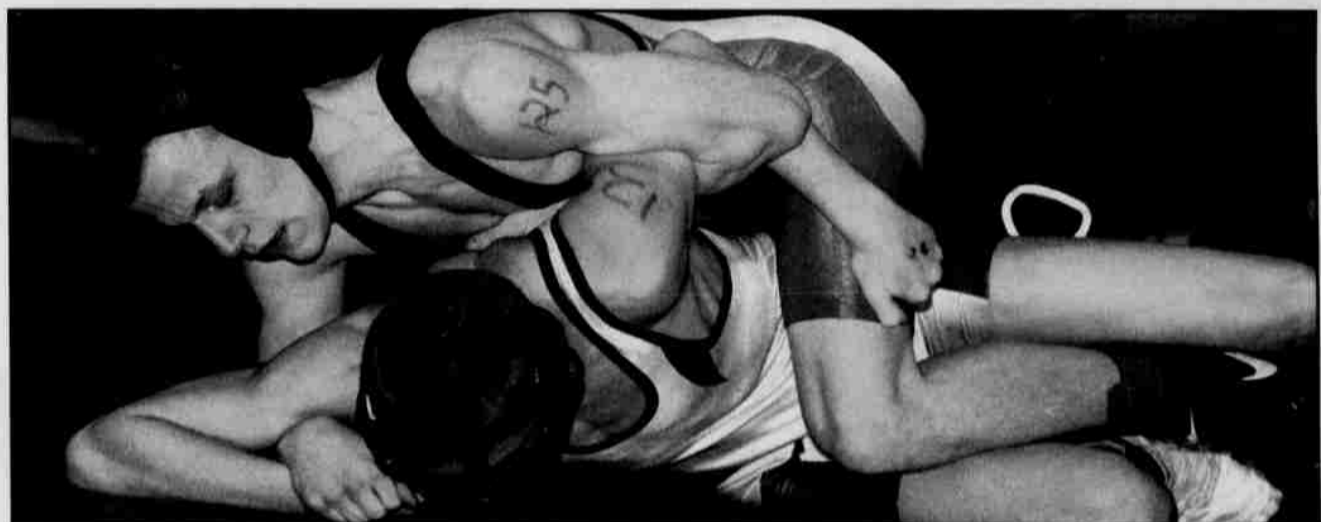


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Tribal member Brandon Linton, a senior at Willamina High School, uses his opponent's arm to force him on his back during state wrestling tournament action in mid-February. Linton won his second straight state title, taking first in the 125-pound division at the 3A State Meet.

Tribal member Brandon Linton wins second straight state wrestling title

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Grand Ronde Tribal member Brandon Linton, an 18-year-old senior at Willamina High School, wrapped up his high school wrestling career on Feb. 16 by winning the Class 3A 125-pound title at Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

Brandon won the state title with a 3-2 victory over Burns' Brendan Palmer.

"I was just trying to do whatever I could to score points, keep him from getting on top of me," Brandon told the Salem States-

man-Journal.

Brandon's coach, Aariah Fasana, told *The Sheridan Sun*, "For someone who doesn't really like wrestling, he's pretty tough."

"He is extremely athletic and put a lot of years in when he was younger," Fasana said later in a phone interview. "It has definitely paid off now."

Fasana said Brandon's wrestling talents include athleticism and strength.

"He wants to be a professional fighter," Fasana said. "He did his senior project on mixed martial arts."

In the quarterfinals, Brandon won a major decision against Glide's Cody Kame 15-4. In the semifinals, he pinned Waldport's Jacob Jack at the 5:51 mark in the first round, Fasana said.

Brandon's state title helped Willamina High finish fifth at the state tournament with 97 points.

Brandon won his first state title in 2007 wrestling at 119 pounds.

Brandon's brother, Tribal member Denny Linton, took second at 130 pounds in the tournament, but was disqualified after the finals match. ■