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Casino hearings begin



**Chairwoman Kennedy
testifies about Grand Ronde
ancestral ties to proposed
Cascade Locks site**

By Ron Karten

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Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy testified Monday, March 10, about the Warm Springs Tribe's proposal to build an off-reservation casino in Cascade Locks, citing the Grand Ronde Tribe's "historical and ancestral ties to the area."

"Our people fished here," Kennedy said. "Our burial grounds are here. The BIA must watch out for our rights in the area, too."

Kennedy spoke in the packed 400-capacity Gorge Pavilion in Cascade Locks while more people waited outside under a tarp in the rain. As people inside left, people waiting outside were allowed to enter.

The Cascade Locks hearing was the second of five being held by the Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding the draft environmental impact statement for the Warm Springs Tribe's proposed 603,000-square-

Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy testifies during a March 10 meeting at the Gorge Pavilion in Cascade Locks about the Warm Springs Tribe's proposal to build an off-reservation casino in Cascade Locks.

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Norwests leap into retirement together

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Tribal Elder Marce Norwest earns a lot of respect in Grand Ronde.

At his retirement party held Feb. 29 at the Community Center, dozens of Tribal members and friends remembered that respect dating back to when they were children.

"When Marce came around," said Tribal Council member Chris Mercier of his days working in the Natural Resources Department, "we all worked harder."

"He was a presence on the reservation. I don't think I know anyone who knows the reservation better than Marce."

"When we were all kids and Marce would come around, we were all scared of him," said Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr.

"Anything that happens on the reservation, Marce knows it," Tribal Council Vice Chair Reyn Leno said. "And a lot of what he

did, he donated."

Tribal Elder Gene LaBonte remembered, "At funerals, there were families that couldn't afford a wreath, and here comes Marce with a \$100 bill."

"In my eyes," said Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr., "Marce is the role model for all our children as far as giving back to the Tribe."

Leno said that people honored Norwest, 78, not just for all he has done for the Tribe and on behalf of the veterans' community — through the Veterans' Powwows

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**Tribal Elder Marce Norwest gets a
big hug from Tribal Council member
Kathleen Tom on Friday, Feb. 29, the
day of Marce's and his wife, Sharon's,
retirement.**



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