

Recycle center moves

The Recycle Center has been moved temporarily to 9675 Grand Ronde Road. (The Curl Property next to Procurement). We will leave it open every day, as long as there isn't any personal garbage or other materials (couches, mattresses, etc.) dumped there. We need everyone to take only recyclable items to the center. **THE RECYCLE CENTER IS NOT A DUMP.** Thank you for doing your part to keep this service available to our community. For more information, contact Tribal Facilities Manager Michael J. Larsen at 503-879-2407. ■

GED Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:30 – 4 p.m.
 Tribal Education Building
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Officer Rodney Ferguson said the casino's easternmost parking lot, used primarily for recreational vehicles, is closed because of the museum's damage.

"We actually have an RV lot over there that we haven't used since the museum suffered damage from the snow storm," Ferguson said.

"We didn't feel it was safe enough. We moved all RV traffic to the west side of the (casino) building. We don't want to subject any of our guests to any kind of hazard."

Austin bought the 6.77-acre property in 1984. The 240-by-100-foot barn still holds rusted hulls of old autos. Its northwest roof corner collapsed in December under the weight of the snow and ice.

"It actually had an implosion; the roof went in and walls went out,"

Austin said. "It's standing, and I believe it to be sound."

Spirit Mountain Casino officials brought the state of the building to the attention of Polk County code enforcement officials in January.

Ferguson said that the museum property would be valuable to the casino, but that no formal, serious talks of purchasing it have occurred.

"It's contiguous with the rest of the property we have," Ferguson said. "So it would definitely add value to the casino. We could utilize (the property) if acquired at a fair price."

Polk County scheduled a Jan. 5 court date with Austin and his attorney, Norman Hill, to address a timeline for the building's repair and compliance.

Doyle said that the court date could be avoided if county building officials and Austin's engineers can



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

This photo shows the portion of the Old Karz Museum that collapsed in December 2008. Polk County has filed a complaint against the owner of the museum, which is next to Spirit Mountain Casino, claiming the building is a hazard.

agree to a structural fix.

"We agreed that a (county) building official will provide a list of

options for Austin to undertake in order to render the building in compliance," Doyle said. ■

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4 to 9 P.M.
Sunday, Nov. 22
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