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Private casino would be costly to state

Analysis sees millions leaving Oregon, harming an already depressed economy

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

A private casino in Wood Village comes with hidden costs to Oregon's economy, according to an in-depth report on the issue in the Oregonian.

A state economic analysis found that the proposed casino could draw \$29 million to \$87 million a year more out of Oregon than it would bring in, raising doubts that the casino would

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make the state's already fragile economy any stronger.

And most of the spending at the proposed casino, an estimated 75 percent, could come from within Oregon. The result? The economic activity generated by the private casino would take it away from somewhere else in the state, most

likely rural areas where the state's nine Tribally owned casinos are located.

For instance, Spirit Mountain Casino is the largest employer in Polk and Yamhill counties. If a private casino opened in Wood Village, it would prompt substantial cuts in Spirit Mountain employment with those jobs leaving rural Oregon for the Portland metropolitan area.

Measure 75, on the Nov. 2 ballot, asks Oregon and Wood Village voters to approve a casino

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Tribe joins Twitter

'Tweets' will help keep Tribal members, employees informed about news, happenings

By Dean Rhodes
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The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde has joined Twitter, the social networking site that lets users send and read other users' messages called "tweets."

The Tribe's Twitter messages can be received by establishing a Twitter account and then signing up to follow CTGRgov.

Tweets are text-based messages of up to 140 characters displayed on the user's profile page. They are publicly visible. Users can subscribe to other author tweets — this is known

as following and subscribers are known as followers.

All Twitter users can send and receive tweets via the Twitter Web site or by compatible external applications, such as smart phones.

Since its creation in 2006, Twitter has gained notability and popularity worldwide and currently has more than 100 million users worldwide.

"Joining Twitter will be one more avenue that the Tribe can use to issue news releases and keep Tribal members informed about events going on here in Grand Ronde and with the Tribe," said Public Affairs Director Siobhan Taylor.

"Especially for our younger and more tech-savvy Tribal members, following the Tribal account, CTGRgov, will allow them to know what is going on without having to await the arrival of *Smoke Signals* or read a long story in the Tribal

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Freshly poured asphalt is raked out by a North Santiam Paving Co. employee before it is rolled as the Governance Center building parking lot is repaved on Thursday, Oct. 7. Resurfacing of most of the Tribal campus parking lots and roadways is near completion.

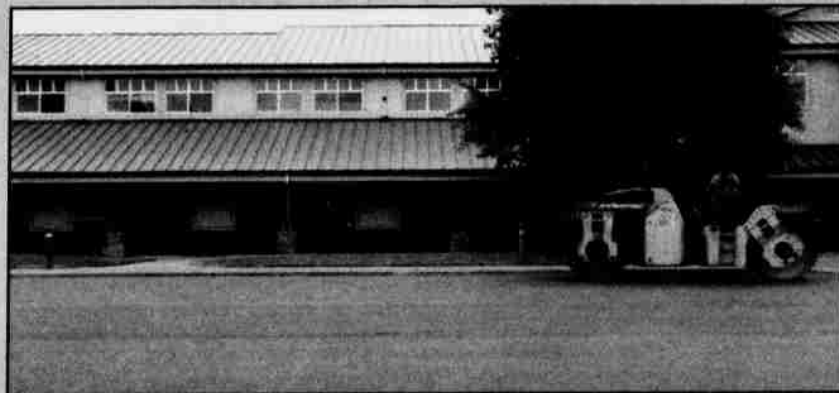
PAVING THE WAYS

Tribe fits in road work before summer's end

By Ron Karten
Smoke Signals staff writer

Getting around the Tribal campus has been a little difficult lately, but for a good reason.

With \$600,000 from the Indian Reservation Roads program administered through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Grand Ronde Tribe has been resurfacing most of the



A final roll is done on the freshly laid asphalt of the Governance Center building parking lot on Thursday, Oct. 7.

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