

# Bobb, Smith win tournament contests

## Team Portland snares 3-on-3 championship

The Tribe's Recreation Department, in collaboration with the Youth Education Department, held a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 18, during the Grand Ronde Contest Powwow.

The winners of the individual contests were Brenon Bobb in the three-point shooting contest and Zach Smith in the slam dunk contest. Isaiah Holmes finished second in shooting threes while Diego Rentsch was second in dunking.

Team Portland, which consisted of Smith, Jessie Ream, Greg Spencer and Darius Brumfield, won the 3-on-3 title while Team Grand Ronde, which included Zoey Holsclaw, Jade Colton, Braden Ebensteiner and Isaiah Davidson, finished second.

Organizers thanked staff, parents, volunteers and youth who made the basketball tournament an enjoyable and successful event. ■



**Zoey Holsclaw dribbles past Dakota Rock during a 3-on-3 basketball game of the tournament held on Saturday, Aug. 18, during the Grand Ronde Contest Powwow.**

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**Team Grand Ronde won second place in the 3-on-3 basketball game of the tournament held on Saturday, Aug. 18, during the Grand Ronde Contest Powwow. The team members were, front row from left, Isaiah Davidson, Zoey Holsclaw, Jade Colton and Braden Ebensteiner. In the back row is Matt Mosley, left, Tribal recreation coordinator, and Tim Barry, Tribal Youth Education Program manager.**



**Tim Barry, left, Tribal Youth Education Program manager, and Matt Mosley, right, Tribal recreation coordinator, pose with the three-point shooting contest participants Isaiah Holmes, second from left, who finished second, and Brenon Bobb, who took first place.**

# 'We worry about the proliferation aspect'

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west Senior Economist Bob Whelan, Tribal Council member Kathleen Tom, Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Trustees Chairman Sho Dozono and Steve Ungar, former chair of the Oregon Lottery Commission.

Currently, only Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes are allowed to operate casinos under the auspices of the Indian Regulatory Gaming Act and compacts signed with the state. The Oregon Constitution must be amended to allow the Wood Village casino, which is being backed, as it was in 2010, by a Canadian investment firm and two wealthy Lake Oswego businessmen.

Tyrone Reitman, executive director of Healthy Democracy, which oversees the review panel, was quoted in the Aug. 25 *Oregonian* as saying that there were a "couple of things" that led to the overwhelmingly negative assessment.

"The revenue stream is uncertain," Reitman said. "It opens up the possibility of multiple casinos in the future. There are some ques-

tions about the economic impact on the Tribes."

Oregon voters are being asked this year to approve two measures: 82 would amend the Oregon Constitution and 83 would specifically permit a private casino at the former Multnomah Greyhound Track in Wood Village. In addition, Wood Village residents will have a chance to weigh in on the idea, having to approve it in a citywide vote before it can be built.

The Citizens' Initiative Review Commission was established in 2011 by the state Legislature to create panels of "randomly selected and demographically balanced voters" to evaluate ballot measures. Panel members hear from campaigns both for and against measures, as well as policy experts, before voting on them.

In 2010, private casino backers were only able to get one measure on the state ballot that would have amended the state Constitution to allow privately owned casinos. It was resoundingly rejected by voters 68 percent to 32 percent.

This year, private casino supporters collected enough signatures to

place both measures on the ballot.

Opponents, including the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, point to the negative effects a private casino would have on Tribal casino revenues, which pay for Tribal governmental operations, including housing and health care. They also cite the negative effect it would have on Oregon Lottery revenues, which fund schools, parks and economic development.

"Amending our Constitution to allow privately run Las Vegas-style casinos near major population centers is simply irresponsible," Martin said. "And it sets a dangerous precedent that will unleash a tidal wave of deep-pocketed, out-of-state casino interests spending millions to put new initiatives on the ballot to build even more casinos in nearly every community in our state."

Chuck Baumann, a spokesman for the Oregon Lottery, told *The Oregonian* that a privately run casino in Multnomah County would affect revenue the state earns from its video slot machines.

"Anytime you get a casino in the Portland metro area, that will affect our retailers," he said.

Within a 20-mile radius of Wood Village are 800 restaurants and taverns that have video lottery terminals, representing 37 percent of the state total and about \$350 million in sales, Baumann said.

Martin reiterated the stance that convinced Oregon voters to reject the idea in 2010.

"We worry about the proliferation aspect," Martin said. "Once you knock out the barrier of the Constitution, what's to prevent the Legislature, or the next wealthy executive, from putting one between Salem and Eugene?"

"We in Oregon have this delicate balance of gaming. Why on earth would Oregonians choose to bring in a third party?"

As part of the Citizens' Initiative Review process, the panel will draft a "Citizens' Statement" highlighting the most important findings about a measure and it will be published as a prominent page in the Oregon Voters' Pamphlet "as a new and easily accessible resource for voters to use at election time."

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