



Photo courtesy of Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Bryan Langley competes in the 2013 World Elk Calling Championships held March 1-2 in Las Vegas, Nev. He won his second consecutive title in the professional division of the competition.

Langley repeats at World Elk Calling Championships

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By the slimmest of margins – 1 point – Tribal member Bryan Langley successfully defended his title in the professional division of the 2013 World Elk Calling Championships held March 1-2 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Langley defeated Corey Jacobsen of Boise, Idaho, to retain the title.

"It's pretty exciting," Langley said. "You just get up there and call the best that you can and leave it in the hands of the judges. Once you get to that level, all the callers are great so it's really anybody's ballgame at that point. I feel very fortunate to win. It's really a blessing."

In the Youth Division, Langley's

14-year-old son, Brayden, took second place.

Winners received prizes and cash ranging from \$500 to \$2,500.

"The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is an awesome organization that supports the sport that we all love and there are a lot of great people who put on the Elk Calling Championships with a lot of great callers," Langley said.

This was Langley's second title in the professional division. He won in 2012 and finished fourth in 2011 and third in 2010. In 2009, he finished first in the men's division.

Langley is a pro-staff member of Point Blank Hunting Calls, owned by Tribal descendant Willy Rogers. ■

Medicine Wheel, 12-Step Training returning

The White Bison Medicine Wheel & 12-Step Training Program is returning to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde on Tuesday through Thursday, April 16-18, at the Tribal Community Center.

The purpose of the Medicine Wheel & 12-Step Training is to teach adults in recovery how to facilitate the Medicine Wheel and 12-Step program in their own communities. The curriculum takes about 16 weeks to complete when implemented in a two-hour weekly format. When participants return to their communities, they set up Circles of Recovery where others in recovery can meet on a regular basis to work their way through the curriculum.

Native Americans working in organizations that specialize in treatment, recovery and wellness, nonNative professionals working in Native American communities, counselors and therapists, prevention specialists, families and community members are encouraged to attend.

The event is sponsored by the Tribe's Behavioral Health and Social Services programs.

For more information or to register for the event, contact Karan Scharf at 503-879-2029. ■

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For all income criteria programs, wage verification for past 60 days (wage stubs) will need to be submitted. If client has not worked for a period of time, client will need to submit a printout from their State Employment Office or printout from Oregon Self-Sufficiency Office as verification of income. Rental/deposit or utility assistance may be utilized only one time in a 24-month rolling calendar period and is not to exceed the maximum contribution of \$1,000 per household within any 24-month rolling calendar period.

Medical Gas Vouchers

Social Services will not provide gas vouchers for medical appointments, counseling or drug & alcohol treatment. The only exception to this is for scheduled treatment plans (i.e.: radiation, chemotherapy, surgery, etc.) that have caused hardship on the family. Medical gas vouchers can be distributed to meet the need of the circumstances. A copy of all scheduled treatment plans must be received before client is eligible to receive this service. Assistance will end on the date of the last treatment appointment.

For a complete copy of policy or questions, contact Tammy C. Garrison at 503-879-2077. ■

The order is a victory for Grand Ronde Tribe

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Rothstein wrote.

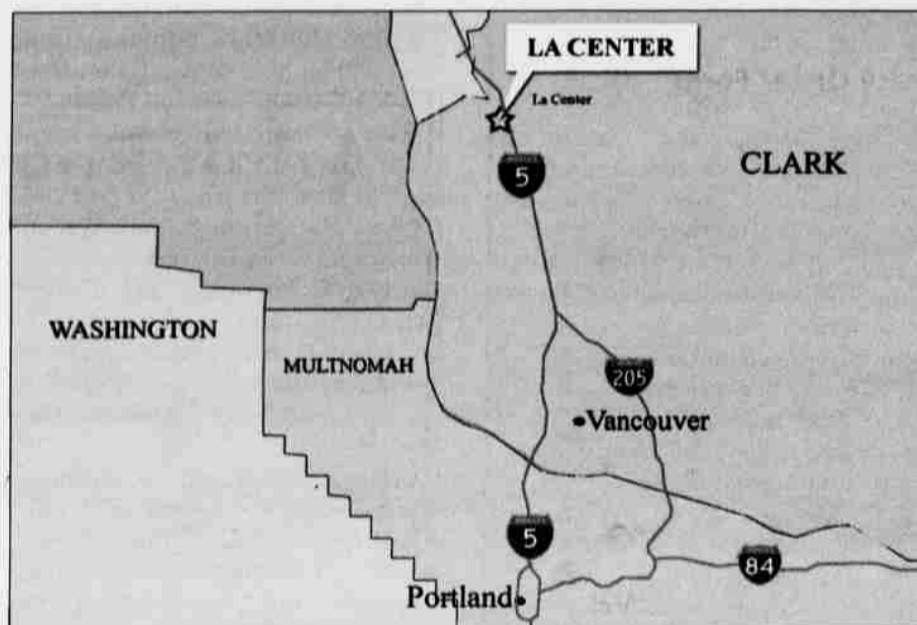
With Rothstein ruling that the federal government should not have issued the supplemental Record of Decision, it left the 2010 Record of Decision, which had been superseded, to defend.

"The court will not waste its or the parties' resources on such a fruitless endeavor," she wrote in her ruling.

Rothstein ordered the Department of the Interior, which includes the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to rescind its 2010 decision and issue a new Record of Decision within 60 days. She dismissed the current case as "moot."

"As we argued and the judge agreed, the government cannot continually rewrite its analysis during the course of litigation to address plaintiffs' arguments," Grand Ronde Tribal Attorney Rob Greene said. "They cannot paper over flaws in reasoning after the fact, after the public record is closed."

"The order of Judge Rothstein is a victory for our Tribe and our members," said Grand Ronde Tribal Chairman Reyn Leno. "From the beginning, we've opposed Cowlitz's attempt to build a casino in Clark



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County, outside Cowlitz's historic homelands. Our staff and council have been diligent and have dedicated countless hours to this effort, and for that we're extremely grateful. Without their hard work and determination, we may not have had such a positive outcome."

The landless Cowlitz Tribe applied in 2002 to establish a 152-acre reservation west of La Center on which to build a \$510 million casino-hotel complex. The development would include 3,000 slot machines, 135 gaming tables, 20 poker tables

and a 250-room hotel, in addition to a RV park, 10 restaurants and retail shops.

The 2010 Bureau of Indian Affairs Record of Decision was appealed by Clark County; the city of Vancouver; nearby property owners Al Alexanderson and Greg and Susan Gilbert; Dragonslayer Inc. and Michels Development, operators of the four La Center card rooms; Citizens Against Reservation Shopping; and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

"Judge Rothstein found that the Department of the Interior did not comply with the procedural aspects of the law," said Grand Ronde Public Affairs Director Siobhan Taylor. "We've opposed this all along because it is a blatant attempt to put an off-reservation casino on Portland's doorstep. The Cowlitz Tribe is trying to put a casino in an area that is not within their ceded lands. We support the Cowlitz Tribe building in Cowlitz County on the Cowlitz River – further north where they belong."

Taylor said the Grand Ronde Tribe, which includes southwestern Washington among its ancestral usual and accustomed areas, will remain "vigilant" as the case proceeds.

"These decisions should not be taken lightly and casinos built outside a Tribe's historic lands, infringing on the historic lands of another Tribe, have the potential to adversely affect Native American Tribes throughout Indian Country," Leno said. "We have and will continue to support Tribes wanting to provide for their membership through projects in their historic lands. While the fight is far from over, we applaud Judge Rothstein's order." ■

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