

Tribal Council makes appointments to Spirit Mountain Gaming board

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Tribal Council approved three re-appointments to the Spirit Mountain Gaming Board of Directors during its June 19 meeting.

Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. was re-appointed to a three-year term ending on June 30, 2016. In addition, Ron Lampard and Kevin Schultz were re-appointed to three-year terms ending on the same date.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Held a first reading on proposed amendments to the Tribal Court ordinance that would establish a Tribal Bar and make various technical amendments;
- Approved Tribal credit cards for Natural Resources Department employees Gabe Clift, Zach Haas and Andrew Puerini for the purpose of wildland fire and other emergency incident management needs;

- Approved the enrollment of four infants and eight adults into the Tribe;

- Approved authorized signers on the Tribe's bank accounts with Wells Fargo, as well as on the Employee Health Plan bank accounts with Wells Fargo.

Included in the June 19 Tribal Council packet was an authorization to proceed giving the Tribe's lobbying firm, Perseverance Strategies, permission to send a letter supporting HB 2387, which would direct the Oregon Historical Society to undertake fundraising and commissioning of a statue of Mark Hatfield to be placed in the National Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol.

Hatfield, while a U.S. senator, was instrumental in helping the Grand Ronde Tribe gain Restoration in the early 1980s. He also helped the Tribe regain reservation land in 1988. ■

Committee sends Reservation Act bill to House for vote

A proposed amendment to the 1988 Grand Ronde Reservation Act that would streamline how the Tribe takes former reservation lands into trust and the way these lands are returned to reservation status was passed out of the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee with unanimous support on June 12.

House Resolution 841 would end the current two-step process the Tribe must go through to restore former reservation land to reservation status.

Currently, the Tribe must go to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to take the land into trust and then ask Congress to make the land part of the Tribe's reservation.

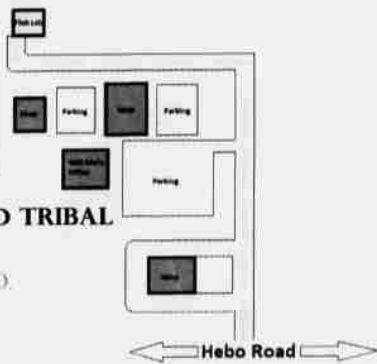
Under the proposed amendment, when the BIA takes into trust land within the boundaries of the Tribe's original reservation, the land would then be considered reservation land, ending the reason to have to go back to Congress.

Grand Ronde Tribal Chair Reyn Leno testified in support of the legislation on May 16 before the House Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs.

The legislation was introduced by Oregon Rep. Kurt Schrader. A companion bill in the U.S. Senate has been referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. ■

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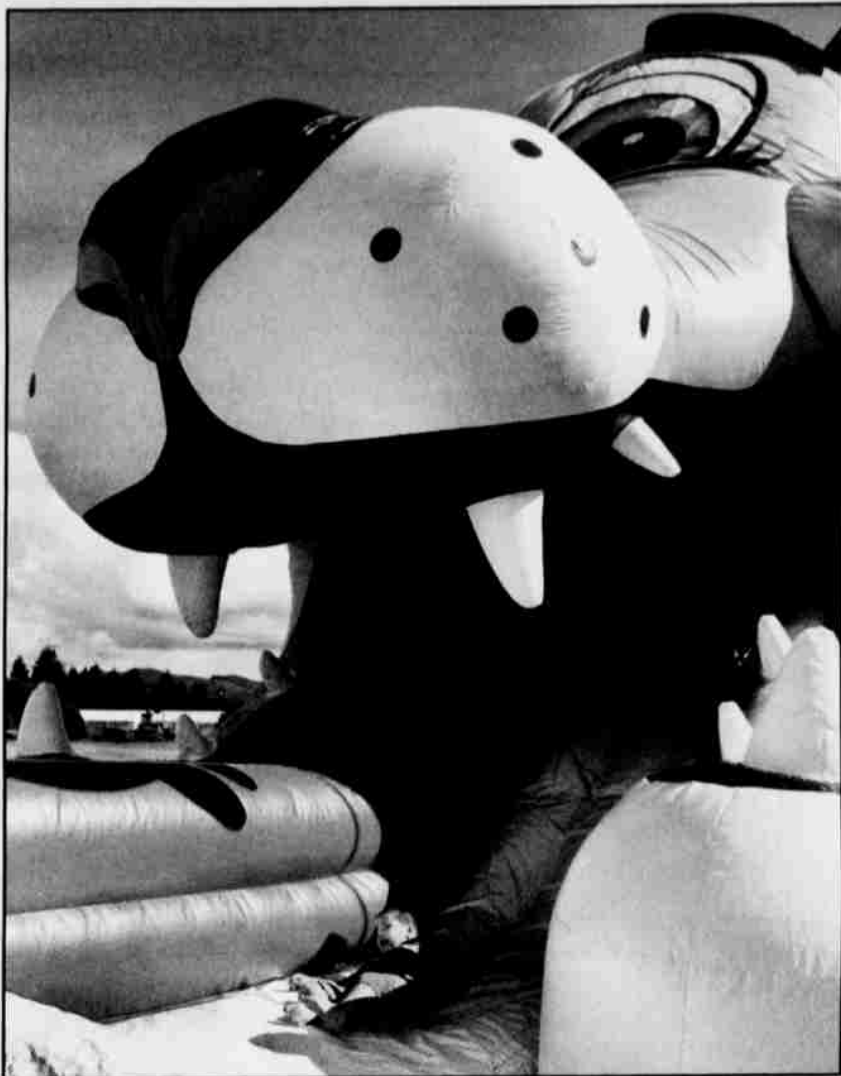
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Family Night Out



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Gage Hernandez, 5, slides out of the mouth of a tiger as he plays on a giant inflatable slide during the ninth annual Family Night Out held on the Tribal campus on Thursday, June 20.



Amelia Mooney, 10, jumps on an extreme air jumper during the ninth annual Family Night Out held on the Tribal campus on Thursday, June 20.

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