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Dillon takes over at casino



Stan Dillon

Longtime gaming employee named new general manager

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Stan Dillon, who has worked in the gaming industry since graduating from Ashland High School in 1974 and moving to Reno, Nev., became the official general manager of Spirit Mountain Casino on Sept. 22.

Dillon, 58, had been interim general manager for about two months after the departure of General Manager Randy Dugger. He then

agreed to a two-year contract with the Spirit Mountain Gaming Board of Directors.

Dillon has held many positions during his 40-year career, but this is the first time he will hold the general manager title.

"I've developed a lot of friendships and close relationships with people here in the Tribe," Dillon says in his casino office. "I thought it would be a great opportunity for me to step up to that position and

work with Tribal managers here. I feel that hopefully I will be able to move those people into positions and develop them, which will be the last goal in my career. If I leave here, I probably won't work anymore. I plan on making this my last job. I'm committed to Spirit Mountain."

Dillon grew up in Ashland and

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Lewis searches for missing Executive Order

Buchanan's act established Grand Ronde Reservation

By Ron Karten
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Tribal Historian David Lewis traveled to Washington, D.C., in August on a search for the original Executive Order establishing the Grand Ronde Reservation that was signed by President James Buchanan in 1857.

Records of presidential Executive Orders were first organized and numbered in 1860, three years after Buchanan's Executive Order establishing the Tribe's reservation was signed.

In addition, back in those days Executive Orders were sometimes written on the reverse side of maps, increasing the chances that it might have been misplaced.

Buchanan's Executive Order, like other documents Lewis uncovers and brings back to the Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center, increases the size and stature of the Tribal facility.

"These documents are used," Lewis says, "as tools to show, or for further research on all kinds of things."

Federal documents, in general, are not always easy to track down, Lewis says. Whatever the intent of archivists, individual documents can wind up in any of dozens of repositories located across the country.

Complicating matters, documents can be misnamed or incorrectly filed. In addition, it can be



David Lewis

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Workers from Servpro pull up the carpet in the Mawich classroom in the Tribe's Early Childhood Education building on Monday, Sept. 29. Vandals flooded the building by putting a garden hose with the water running through a window of the building on Sunday, Sept. 28.

Vandals flood Early Childhood classes using garden hose

Tribal Council offers \$500 reward to help find suspects

By Dean Rhodes
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The Tribe is seeking the community's help in catching the person or persons responsible for flooding the Early Childhood Education building with a garden hose on the evening of Sunday, Sept. 28, causing an estimated \$35,000 to \$40,000 in damage.

Tribal Council is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible.

Education Department Manager Eirik

Anyone with information about the incident should call the Grand Ronde Police Department at 503-879-2123.

Thorsgard said that someone opened a window in the back of the building, slit the screen and placed a garden hose that had been turned on fully in the window.

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