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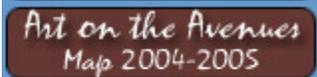
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Dispute over Manson RV park settled

By **K.C. Mehaffey** World staff writer

MANSON -- A Chelan County judge has approved a settlement that ends a three-year legal battle between Mill Bay Resort members and the property's lease holders, who were trying to close the RV park.

Superior Court Judge John Bridges signed off on the settlement of a lawsuit last Tuesday that removes the 10 westernmost sites -- five of them lakefront -- from the RV park in exchange for 30 more years of use by members.

Those 10 sites will be moved to a new spot within the park, where the clubhouse and tennis courts are currently located.

Members also will pay higher membership fees and be responsible for day-to-day maintenance of the RV park.

They will lose the clubhouse and a new site for the tennis court will need to be found.

The lease holder, Wapato Heritage LLC, which was formerly Chief Evans Inc., will do the work and pay for the changes.

"Now we get to be happy campers," said Paul Grondal, a Bellevue resident who bought membership in the park 18 years ago and was part of the suit. "It's been a long three years. Now it's all going to work out."

He said the 10 members whose sites will be moved were willing to make that sacrifice in order to settle the matter.

"We're happy to get this behind us for everybody's sake," said Wenatchee attorney Mike Arch, who represents Wapato Heritage LLC.

Arch and Grondal agreed that the compromise ends what could have been several more years of litigation over jurisdictional issues and whether lease holders had the right to close the park.

The dispute began in 2001 when Chief Evans Inc. announced it planned to close the park because it was losing money, and because there were better uses for the prime real estate on Lake Chelan's north shore, leased through the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs for the benefit of its Native American owners.

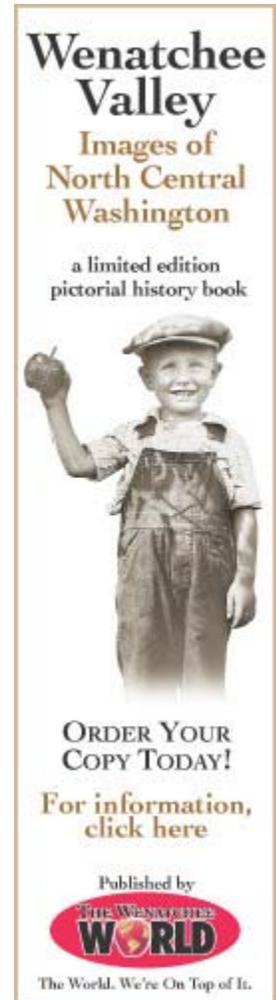
The corporation, however, had sold 25- and 50-year memberships in the 1980s and 1990s that wouldn't expire until the 2030s.

Under the settlement, 180 members will pay \$25,000 a year in rent, with the amount increasing by \$5,000 every five years until it reaches \$55,000 a year for the years 2030 through 2034,

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when the memberships expire.

Members also will pay dues and be responsible for covering maintenance costs, which they have been doing since March 2003, Grondal said.

Grondal said there were a lot of strong feelings and even internal struggles among members to agree to the concessions.

He said members are just glad they can move on.

Some have wanted to sell their memberships but couldn't, and others just want to enjoy the spot they've used for family reunions and vacations.

"It's a part of our life," Grondal said of the RV park that he visits every weekend from March through October. "And not only our lives, but our kids and grandkids and nieces and nephews."

Grondal said there's no question that changes are in store for the lakefront property that will be vacated by the 10 RV sites.

"They indicated they intended to put single family homes on that property," he said.

Arch said no decision has been made about the property's use.

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