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Tribes defend hatcheries

Litigation puts fisheries at risk, CRITFC says

By **GEORGE PLAVERN**
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Columbia River tribes are speaking out against litigation that calls into question federal funding for hatchery programs across the Northwest.

The Wild Fish Conservancy, a nonprofit conservation group based in Duvall, Washington, has sued the U.S. Department of Commerce and National Marine Fisheries Service, accusing the agencies of violating the Endangered Species Act by not properly weighing the negative impact of hatcheries on wild fish populations.

At least \$12 million has been allocated every year to hatchery programs in the Columbia Basin under the Mitchell Act, which passed in 1938 to mitigate fish losses from dams, irrigation, pollution and logging. But the Wild Fish Conser-

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Mosquitoes, microbes and Zika

Biologist gives primer on virus at BMCC

By **KATHY ANEY**
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Sascha McKeon knows mosquitoes. The Blue Mountain Community College biology instructor talked about mosquitoes and the Zika virus Wednesday during BMCC's Arts & Culture Festival.

McKeon spent three years as a field researcher studying the blood-sucking insects in the Brazilian Amazon. Her team gathered mosquitoes from diverse locations from the jungle to livestock corrals, running into the occasional tarantula, jaguar and crocodile. She collected larvae. She lured adult insects with her own carbon dioxide-rich breath and then sucked them into an instrument called a mosquito aspirator.

McKeon drew a laugh from the audience in BMCC's Bob Clapp Theatre while describing herself and fellow mosquito researchers.

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McKeon

PENDLETON Bronzes to start talking back

Council approves funding for self-guided tour of statues

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**
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Pendleton's bronzes have inspired plenty of conversation and now they'll make some of their own.

The Pendleton City Council

approved funding for the Pendleton Bronze Trail, a self-guided tour of 15 city statues that uses a mobile website to provide tourists with historical information.

The city divided the \$5,375 cost of developing and establishing the trail between the urban renewal

district and the city's art fund.

The Duke Joseph Agency, a Carlton-based advertising agency that's also involved in the city's Oregon Unmanned Aerial Systems Future Farm project, will develop the website and host it for its first year.

According to material provided by Duke Joseph, the trail website will feature an interactive map with GPS and walking directions to each statue.

Each statue will have its own page with photographs, a 60 to 75-word summary describing the person and their exploits and an

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An old bicycle adorns a planter on a street corner on Main Street in Echo.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Small town living

Echo a 'hidden gem' of Eastern Oregon

By **JADE MCDOWELL**
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As small towns test strategies to attract economic development, Echo's approach might best be described as "Plant it and they will come."

It's a sort of reversal of many cities' strategy: Instead of focusing on attracting businesses in order to grow the tax base and have money to beautify the city, Echo is focused on beautifying the city to attract

more growth.

"Basically, is the chicken first or the egg?" asked Diane Berry, city manager.

Berry, supported by the city council and private and public partners, has aggressively sought grants for art, trees, flowers and historical preservation in the city of 715 people. The city has also worked to extend that beautification to residences through programs

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Echo fourth-graders Isiic Wade and Dominic Curiel make bark rub on a tree in George Park on Wednesday in Echo.

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PENDLETON

Incumbent faces upstart in city council Ward 1 race

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**
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The Pendleton City Council Ward 1 race is a study in contrast.

Councilor Becky Marks is a two-term incumbent who touts her experience in government and the progress the city has made at the Eastern Oregon Regional Airport and the downtown area during her tenure.

That progress includes 84 percent occupancy rate for the downtown area, leasing all

vacant building at the airport and establishing the Pendleton Unmanned Aerial Systems Range.

Her opponent is James Tibbets, a young upstart who wants to upgrade the city's technology and has a troubled past.

The tagline "Get the Good Ol' Boys Gone!" is featured prominently in much of his campaign material.

"Why are we getting statues that very few people care about?" he wrote in the Oregon Primary Election

Voters' Pamphlet. "Last I knew, statues don't fill potholes or lower taxes. I hear complaints from residents about the condition of Pendleton all the time, and I've had it!"

A third candidate — former tribal public defender Renee Caubisens — is listed in the ballot but has dropped her bid after the withdrawal deadline because of a health reasons.

That leaves two people to vie for the seat, which primarily represents the downtown area,

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Becky Marks

Age: 67
Occupation:
Hometown: Carlton
Years in Pendleton: 24
Highest Level of Education: Bachelor's degree, Eastern Oregon University
Family: Married, five children, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren



James Tibbets

Age: 28
Occupation: Owner of James A. Tibbets Technology Solutions
Hometown: Hillboro
Years in Pendleton: 11
Highest Level of Education: Some college at BMCC
Family: Single

*Renee Caubisens is listed on the ballot but ended her campaign after the withdrawal deadline

