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Preparations underway for Rainbow Gathering

Tribes concerned for natural, cultural resources

By **GEORGE PLAVERN**
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Several hundred people from the Rainbow Family of Living Light have already descended on the Malheur National Forest to begin setting up for the 2017 gathering, even as Forest

Service staff continue to draft a make-shift management plan to protect natural and cultural resources.

The annual Rainbow Gathering was announced for July 1-7 at Flagtail Meadow off Forest Service Road 24, about 20 miles northwest of Seneca. Attendance is expected to peak between

10,000 and 30,000 participants, which would be roughly four times larger than the entire population of Grant County.

Groups of 75 people or more are typically required to obtain a special use permit in order to camp on national forest land. However, the loose-knit Rainbow Family skirts that rule by emphasizing

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Left to right: Hannah Smith and Dave Halemeir of the Forest Service discussed parking with Rainbow Gathering attendee Gary Stubbs on Friday.



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USGS geophysicists Jonathan Glen and Brent Ritzinger use a diamond-tipped drill to take a core sample from a basalt rock layer in a hillside off Thorn Hollow Road, east of Pendleton.

FINDING FAULTS

USGS survey basalt rock to analyze quake hazards, geothermal resources

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Basalt cliffs run up the hillside along Thorn Hollow Road overlooking the Umatilla River, where Jonathan Glen and Brent Ritzinger with the U.S. Geological Survey arrived in a white Chevy Suburban.

The scientists parked on a gravel pullout and took stock of the red, rocky outcrops, debating the best places to drill for samples that could provide clues about what lies deep

beneath the Earth's surface.

"This is a pretty complex zone of faulting," said Glen, a geophysicist with the USGS based in Menlo Park, California. "There's lots to do to properly understand the stratigraphy."

The lingo may sound complicated, but the project goal is fairly straightforward. By mapping the location of fault lines underground, researchers are working to gain a better understanding of earthquake hazards in the

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USGS geophysicist Jonathan Glen uses a pen to mark a core sample of basalt rock from a hillside off Thorn Hollow Road recently.

PENDLETON

Unfilled kitchen job shuts down senior center

Plans to remain closed through first week of July

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Down a cook, the Community Action Program of East Central Oregon closed the Active Senior Center of Pendleton for the past two weeks and intends to keep it closed through the first week of July.

Marci McMurphy, CAPECO's director of food and nutrition, said the senior center posted a job ad on April 20 but has been unable to find someone to complete their two-person kitchen crew.

"There have been no takers, or at least no one we can hire," McMurphy said.

The senior center serves lunch four days a week as a part of CAPECO's congregate meals program, normally attracting between 25-50 seniors per day.

In May, CAPECO sent staff from its central office to supplement the short-staffed kitchen while the nonprofit searched for a replacement.

But as time went on, McMurphy said CAPECO decided to prioritize its home-delivered meals program, temporarily closing the senior center as staff worked out a solution.

The delivery program provides 566 meals, more than the in-house program, and it serves seniors who have difficulty leaving the house, McMurphy said. But the 510 SW 10th St. senior center has a social-

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— Marci McMurphy, CAPECO food and nutrition director, on job posted April 20

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Echo School students Hadley Palmateer, JoLee Palmateer, Maddie Owen and J.D. Owen get ready to break ground on the addition to Echo School, which will be finished next year. The new amenities will include a gym, six classrooms and a fitness center.

ECHO

School breaks ground on \$8M expansion

By **JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN**
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A row of gold-painted shovels stood poised in a patch of rocky dirt, ready to start the project some Echo educators have been waiting for many years.

The Echo School held their groundbreaking Monday afternoon, officially kicking off construction on an \$8 million expansion.

"I've been here eight years," said Echo School superintendent Raymon Smith. "We've been talking about (expanding) for the last four. But it went from pipe

dream to reality in about four months."

The project, a result of a \$4 million bond passed by Echo residents last year combined with a \$4 million matching grant from the state, will add several amenities to the school and the community. By the projected completion date of May 2018 the school will have a new gymnasium and six new classrooms, including a science/agriculture lab and an art room. They will also build a new metal and wood shop as well as a community fitness center.

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