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Arts Festival to be held August 20

Artists from throughout Oregon will again be on hand to share and display their artwork with the public at the Central Oregon Arts Festival on August 20 at the Warm Springs Community Center. The show will open to the public at 10 a.m. and continue through the day until 5 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Community Center and has become a time for Oregon artists to display and sell their works. Carol Allison, Community Center arts and crafts coordinator, will be in charge of putting the festival together. People interested in setting up a booth or table should contact her at (503) 553-1161 ext. 244 or 553-1361.

Carol said there is no charge for booth setup or a table. She asks that interested people sign up early to ensure space. People of the performing arts are welcome as well as those presenting visual arts and crafts.

Summer projects that the children have completed and shown at the Jefferson County Fair will be on display. Children who have projects will be able to pick them up after the festival.

Concession stands are welcome but Carol suggest people let her know as soon as possible they plan to have a concession.

Plan to attend and display your artwork or view the work of the artists.

Fall salmon run to be escorted

The Columbia River Law Enforcement Committee announced recently that the Columbia River fall chinook salmon run will be escorted to its spawning grounds by state, federal and tribal law enforcement officers. This will be in the same manner as the spring run was followed by law enforcement officials. The purpose of the escort is to ensure the salmon make it to the spawning grounds.

Through these efforts, it is hoped that the operations will help to reduce any illegal harvest of the run. The efforts

will be a joint effort of the law enforcement departments to safe guard the salmon runs.

Officers will be stationed at dock side, at buyer locations and local restaurants to monitor fish landed and sold.

The tribal, state and federal officers will begin work together in the offshore areas and continue up the Columbia River Mouth to McNary Dam. The operation will continue with the run until it reaches the dam and the count has been made which should indicate the run has returned to its spawning grounds.

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Committee is informing fishermen of the law enforcement operations. It is a matter of public information and has been in news releases throughout the Northwest.

For further information, contact Maurita Smith, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement Program, (503) 238-0667; Lieutenant Lane, Oregon State Police, (503) 378-3067; or Sergeant Meriwether, Washington Department of Fisheries, (206) 696-6261.

This type of law enforcement practice will continue to be used to ensure future runs. Since it has been used before, and with success, it will continue.



Bountiful Harvest

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Leno

Huckleberry feast. . . .

A time for sharing, remembering

by Pat Leno

Each summer, the Warm Springs, Wasco and Paiute people of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs gather at He-He Longhouse for the annual Huckleberry Feast. This year the feast was held the first Sunday of August. Earlier, the date for the feast had been set for August 14, but the date was changed because the berries were ready to be picked earlier than originally thought.

The ceremonial pickers went out earlier in the week to gather the berries for the feast. On the

morning of the feast the cooks began preparing the many dishes for the feast. This year, the feast was attended by several hundred people. It was a time for the people to give thanks to the Creator for the huckleberries that are an important food of the Indian people.

The songs of worship, the gathering of the people and the children at play reminded many of the ways of the weeklong feasts of the past. Some reminiscence of the days when the berry gatherers

camped right at He-He while they went out each day to gather the berries. They talked of the days when each evening people gathered to dance the traditional dances. He-He held many memories for the people who gathered for the feast.

Perhaps many of the old ways will not return but the ceremony of giving thanks for the berries is a custom that will be kept.

It was a time for the people to give thanks not only for the huckleberries but for their families and friends as well.

Weather

JULY	HI	LOW
30	98	63
31	99	67
AUG.		
1	94	58
2	89	55
3	86	54
4	94	55
5	94	60
6	99	58
7	90	65
8	91	67
9	96	60
10	84	65