



Dan Martinez, part of the Public Safety comprehensive planning team, talks with senior citizens about the upcoming Comprehensive Plan Fair. All community members are encouraged to attend the Fair, scheduled for February 20, from 2 to 9 p.m. at the Agency Longhouse.

Year's reign an honor

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to tell me I was doing a good job representing Warm Springs. That made my year. Nothing made me more proud than the fact that I was doing a good job for you and that you appreciated it. I would also like to extend a thank you for allowing me to stay in school during my reign. My education is important to me and you understood and respected that. There were sacrifices on both sides. I wasn't always able to make an event or there were times I would have give up some time at school to attend an event, but you were there to support my decisions. Thank you.

My final word I'd like to leave is to this year's candidates. I wanted to leave you with wonderful words of wisdom, but the only thing I can think of telling you is to remind you that only one candidate could have been crowned, but that don't mean anyone else deserved it less. It may have just meant it wasn't the right time. I want to encourage you to try again. I really believe it is something worth pursuing and working towards. I had to run twice before I received the title, so there is nothing wrong with trying again. I wish Arlissa a wonderful reign and offer any help she might need from me. My prayers are with everyone.

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Thank you for all that voted

To the editor,

I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to all my relatives, friends and tribal members who voted my daughter, Jessica, and my granddaughter, Melinda Faye into tribal membership.

You will never know how very much this means to us. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I am sorry that it has taken me so long to thank everyone, but I was just waiting to see if there would be any more comments on the negative side.

I really and truly believe that my ancestors would be very proud of how our families have carried on our ancestors, for our ancestry, I believe has instilled in us a quiet pride, and I have raised my children to respect themselves and others. And that how they carry themselves in public and what they say will reflect

on their upbringing.

I don't think any of my ancestors will be turning over in their graves, just because of who has been enrolled. But they just might because of all the greed and vicious comments that is occurring on our reservation.

My grandfather, John Billy Whiz, used to tell me the old adages, "You make your bed, you lie in it" and "When a woman marries someone outside of her tribe, she will follow him and live in his tribe".

So, I think that before anyone make vindictive remarks, they had better take a look in their own back yard.

A special thank you to the Vital Statistics Department for all their hard work and for caring. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Evelyn Faye Polk Capoeman

Forestry seeking Gopher Trappers

The Branch of Forestry is seeking four (4) Tribal Contractors for the 1997 trapping season. Tribal members need to be **HIGHLY MOTIVATED**, must have a valid Oregon driver's license and be able to obtain \$200,000 worth of Liability Insurance before attending class.

You will not be paid while in training. Trainees will need to provide his or her own transportation to and from the training site. Training will consist of working with a Professional trapper for approximately 40 hours in a field setting.

If you are interested, please fill out the form and return to the address listed below by February 18, 1997. If you have any questions, call Tommy James or John Arena at 553-2416.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. _____

Mail to Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Forestry, PO Box 1239, Warm Springs, OR 97761. Attention: Forestry Silviculture

Firearm safety

The National Kid Safe Campaign reports that about 90 percent of all unintentional shootings involving children are linked to an easily accessible, loaded handgun in the home. But more than half of America's families keep firearms in their homes. Injuries and deaths from firearms are escalating at an alarming rate in the United States. In 1990, several states reported that firearm-related injuries surpassed motor vehicle accidents as the leading cause of death.

Parents who do choose to keep firearms should keep these safety tips in mind:

- Children should never be allowed to touch guns, not even in the presence of a supervising adult.
- Tell your children never to touch a gun no matter who gives them permission.
- Keep guns unloaded at all times. Never leave even a single bullet in the gun's chamber.
- Keep the gun's safety on. This goes even for times when the gun is unloaded.
- Treat all guns and other firearms as if they are loaded.
- All firearms should be kept out of children's reach and should be stored in a locked cupboard, closet or drawer.
- Store ammunition in a separate place. This should also be locked at all times.
- No firearms should be kept in a household where there is a family history of depression or suicidal behavior.
- All gun owners and their children should take a gun safety course.
- Teach gun safety at home.



Science fair set for March 11

During the third quarter of each year our 7th and 8th grade students are required to conduct an experiment on their own as a science project. This year the due date for these projects is March 11.

The project is designed to give students first hand experience in doing what scientists do... observe a problem, as a question about it, make an educated guess about the solution, and then conduct a test to see if that solution is correct. In other words... 1. Take something that does something. 2. Change one thing about it. 3. See if that change affects what it does.

On that same date we will also have our annual Science Fair, and students will put together an exhibit and display it for some fun and academic competition.

The science fair will be open to the public from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11.

We could improve fish stocks

To the Editor,

Let's not blow this chance. The dams on the Deschutes River are coming up for re-licensing, and studies are being done to restore anadromous fish passage as a condition of re-licensing. This is a great idea. The dams were originally made with fish passage facilities, and make take some modifications to make them work better. A small price to pay to restore the wild runs of Chinook, steelhead, sockeye and any other unknown to me, that used to spawn in the river and tributaries above the dams.

Hatcheries have their place, but wild fish have been surviving the

adverse cycles of the ocean for thousands of years through diversity and natural selection. This could be one piece of the large puzzle required to bring back the salmon, which, includes habitat restoration, pollution control, dam modifications, etc.

As a ratepayer, I am more than willing to pay a little more on my electric bill if that becomes necessary. Salmon have been successfully reintroduced to the Umatilla River through cooperation. Hopefully, there will be support to continue this success on the Deschutes. Maybe we can put back a little of what we've taken away.

Sincerely, Richard Willworth Troutdale, OR

include the Nez Perce Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation.

The CRFMP, a plan for managing Columbia River Basin salmon stocks origination above Bonneville Dam was negotiated and signed by the tribes, the United States, Oregon, and Washington and ordered by the federal court in 1988 under U.S. v. Oregon. In the CRFMP, the states and federal government agreed to specific upper river coho release goals in return for tribal agreement to forego a formal 50/50 harvest allocation of coho. According to Ted Strong, executive director of the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission, "The coho provisions of the CRFMP arose from tribal concerns that upriver runs were severely declining and that the state and federal hatcheries were intended to maintain upriver salmon runs and limited fisheries."

The CRFMP stipulates that approximately 9 million coho smolts from 1995 broodstock be released above Bonneville Dam beginning in mid-March of 1997. The United States,

Oregon, and Washington have identified about 6 million coho smolts to be released above Bonneville Dam. This is a total shortfall of 4 million smolts from CRFMP upper river goals. According to papers filed with the court, the states plan releases of about 17 million coho smolts below Bonneville Dam.

"The CRFMP unconditionally commits the parties to fulfill upriver coho release goals established by the states are not met. We expect the states to fulfill their agreement," said Strong. "The CRFMP emphasizes co-management. The states have never fulfilled their CRFMP coho obligations above Bonneville Dam while at the same time they expanded their lower river programs without tribal consultation," Strong added.

The motion, filed in the United States District Court for the District of Oregon, would order the defendants to appear and show cause at a date and time established by the Court within the next 10 days why a preliminary injunction should not enter mandating that these parties release coho smolts above Bonneville Dam as provided by the CRFMP goals.

Deschutes permit system to be discussed

The proposed final decision on a permit system for the Lower Deschutes River will be examined in public workshops in Madras, Maupin and Oregon City in mid-February.

Released late last November for public review, the proposed final decision describes a common pool approach to allocating boating use on the lower 100 miles of the Deschutes River beginning in 1998. In a common pool, all boaters compete equally for limited access to the river.

The three public workshops will enable the managing agencies to fully describe the permit system to Deschutes boaters and to gather public comments. In addition, workshop participants will have the opportunity to review and comment on non-permit measures proposed for 1997. Each of the workshops will be from 6 to 10 p.m. on the following dates:

February 18—Madras Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Maccie Conroy Building

February 19—Maupin South Wasco County High School

February 20—Oregon city Clackamas Community College

The proposed final decision would phase-in the common pool over a minimum of three years. More time would be allowed if annual performance reviews indicate the need. The phase-in would allow commercial guides to have a guaranteed amount of access for at least the first two years before they would have to compete fully with other boaters in the common pool.

Under the proposed final decision, permits would be required only on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from July 1 through Labor Day, including holidays, on the portion of the river between Warm Springs and Sherars Falls. In addition, the proposed final decision calls for amending the Lower Deschutes River Management Plan to allow a 10 percent reduction in peak-day use each year until the daily targets are achieved.

The managing agencies agreed to follow the suggestion of boaters to form a working group comprised of various boating interests to assist in the implementation of the permit system. Nominations for the working group membership have been received and the members will be selected prior to the public workshops. The working group members will be introduced at the public workshops and will make recommendations to the managing agencies on non-permit measures and the permit system decision.

The Lower Deschutes River was designated an Oregon state scenic waterway in 1970 and a federal wild and scenic river in 1988. Levels of boating traffic have been a problem on the lower Deschutes since the 1980s. The Lower Deschutes River Management Plan, adopted in January 1993, set both seasonal and daily boater use target levels. Having declined for a time following the plan's adoption, seasonal use levels have risen again, reaching the plan's seasonal target levels. Meanwhile, peak use days during the summer have continued to exceed the plan's daily use targets.

Competition for campsites and favorite fishing holes is intense during peak use times between Warm Springs and the Deschutes Club Locked Gate seven miles upstream from Maupin. In 1996, as many as 1,600 boaters were on this river segment on peak days in July and August. This volume of use far exceeded the segment's daily target of 550 boaters, and in the view of both boaters and managers, detracted from the recreation experience of remoteness and solitude people seek on this stretch of the Lower Deschutes.

In August 1996, as many as 3,000 boaters floated the 15-mile stretch of river known as Segment 2 near Maupin on one day. The daily target for this segment is 1,700 boaters. As a result, chaotic launch and take-out scenes were common. Boats, people,

vehicles and trailers jammed access roads and parking areas at the launches and take-outs. On the river, boaters complained about the carnival atmosphere that prevailed as boats queued up to go through rapids. According to agency officials, water fights were routine and beer and alcohol were the beverages of choice.

Daily use on segments 3 and 4 from Sherar's Falls to the river's mouth have not exceeded targets on a regular basis.

The management plan called for the managing agencies to employ non-permit measures for a three-year period to control use before resorting to a permit system. Not all non-permit measures suggested in the plan have been tried, but those that have did not yield the necessary reductions in use. Non-permit measures include such techniques as launch check-ins, alcohol regulations, campsites registration, boater certification and vehicle size regulations. Many of these measures will continue to be used even with a permit system in place.

Following the public workshops, the working group will consider the public comments and make recommendations to the managing agencies on the final permit system decision. The managing agencies expect to make the final permit system decision by April 1. A decision on whether a permit system is necessary in 1998 will be made this October and will be based on the success of non-permit measures in reducing use levels on peak use days during the 1997 boating season. There will be no permit system in place on the Lower Deschutes this year.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed final decision may do so orally at the public workshops or may send written comments by mail so they are received by the close of business on February 20, 1997. Written comments should be addressed to the Rivers Program, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department 1115 Commercial St. NE, Salem, OR 97310-1001

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