

Renewable energy sources may provide opportunities

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Recently, I attended a workshop in Portland that was really interesting. It was the Northwest Native American Wind Interest Group Workshop. The US Department of Energy, National Renewable Energy Laboratory folks were there to promote the development of wind power in Indian Country. Already, many tribes are breaking into this lucrative and exciting opportunity. Representatives from the Blackfeet Nation were there to describe their new project and one Alaskan tribe was there to show their success and the development of their own power company, TDX Power.

It is no secret that the western United States is in a power shortage. Demand for electrical power will only continue to increase – where will that power come from? Recently, the BPA decided to withhold spill waters for salmon in order to generate electricity. What if there was a way to generate power off the river and leave more water for salmon and agriculture? There is – wind power.

Wind power is nothing new – we've all seen windmills on farms

and ranches. These were used to pump water, but the same technology can be applied to generating electricity. There were two people there from the Sioux Nations of the Dakotas. The Great Plains states have been called the "Saudi Arabia of wind power." The biggest challenge that they face is access to transmission lines – to get the supply to the demand.

It is estimated that wind generators on Indian Lands alone in the Northwest could generate 4-8 times as much electricity as the entire Columbia River hydro system. Warm Springs is in a very unique position, as we have direct access to BPA transmission lines from the Gorge trust lands and here on the Reservation. Some estimates show that Warm Springs could generate as much as \$70-100 million annually in wind-generated electricity! And this is "green power" – non-polluting.

This is not the only "green power" that Warm Springs has a hold on – Warm Springs already produces hydropower at Pelton. There are also opportunities to develop solar power and geothermal power here at Warm Springs. The Warm

Springs Nation could lead the world in renewable energy – just think of it! The Rangeland Resources Department has been using solar power for years to provide water for livestock and protect salmon habitat – it is already here.

Downside? Some folks say to me "yeah, but those wind propellers are ugly!" My answer to them is "Do you like the look of dams? Smog? Nuclear cooling towers?" The power is going to be produced, and unless we do it with "green power," then there will be more fossil fuels and nuclear power. Sure, these propellers may not look as nice as trees – but just think of what they are doing to help our planet. If you would like more information on renewable energy sources, feel free to contact us at OSU Extension or check out the National Renewable Energy Laboratory website at: <http://nrel.gov/wind/>.

On another note – we have a new publication *Fire Resistant Plants for Oregon Home Landscapes*. Stop by and pick up a copy and look at some simple solutions for making your yard look better and protecting yourself against wildfire at the same time!



Photos by Daniel Lawrence

Dancing, singing

The Warm Springs Boys and Girls club danced and sang at Warm Springs Museum May 19-20. The follow list is of the members that participated Dancers Ashley Johnson, Muareen Saludo-Shanchez, Beth Ann Longknife, Jessica Longknife, Brianna WalkingEagle, Misty Spino, Sarah Spino and Jasmine Tuffi. The dance adviser was Maurena Florez. The drummers were Tyrone Saludo, La Bradford Walking Eagle, Vladimir Jefferson and Blake Weaselhead. Advisers were Austin Smith, Emersom Squelephen, Tonto Sanders and Frank Smith



Pi-Ume-Sha to feature boxing and more

This year's Pi-Ume-Sha celebration will include a boxing tournament and open wild horse race.

The wild horse race is scheduled for June 23 and 24 in conjunction with the Pi-Ume-Sha Rodeo. Two-man teams will have a three-minute time limit and a round-up style start.

The 16-team (limit) event will have a \$200 entry fee and \$850 of added money. Northend Livestock Owners will contract the stock. There will also be a wild colt race for 8-12 year olds.

For more information on the races call Morningstar Spino at 553-3273.

This year's boxing tournament will be held June 23 at the Warm Springs Community Wellness Center in memory of Luther Danzuka, Tony Stacona and Clifford Pamperien. The event is sanctioned by the Oregon Association of USA Amateur Boxing.

Saturday weigh-ins are scheduled for 8-10 a.m. A doctor's exam will begin at 4 p.m.

Admission to the event is \$10 at ringside, \$5 general, \$3 students and \$2 seniors. Boxing begins at 5 p.m.

For more information contact Austin Smith Sr. at 553-3243, 553-3237 or 553-5803.

Other Pi-Ume-Sha events are featured on the Sports page.

Summer reading hits the trail

Saddle up and bring your little buckaroos to Jefferson County Library's Summer Reading Program for fun and prizes.

This summer's statewide theme is "Read a Wild Tale," featuring Wild West stories and weekly programs. Stampede to the Jefferson County Library in Madras to register for this free program!

Once registered, elementary-aged schoolchildren will receive a log to track the books they have read and be eligible for prizes from the library

and area businesses, including a summer reading T-shirt. Children will begin keeping track on June 8, and prizes will be awarded to younger children for books read and to older children for hours of reading time.

Weekly Wild West programs will be held at the library in Madras, as well as performances at Warm Springs Early Childhood Education Center and at Culver Elementary School. Readers will pick the location most convenient for them.

Warm Springs storyteller Adeline

Miller will present the first Summer Reading weekly program.

Miller will tell Native American stories and lead readers in a related craft activity on Wednesday, June 27 at 3:30 p.m. at Warm Springs Early Childhood Education Center, and again on Thursday, June 28 at 10:30 a.m. at Jefferson County Library in Madras and 2 p.m. at Culver Elementary School.

For more information about registration or the weekly programs, call the library at 475-3351.

Setline fishery opens Friday

Wednesday, May 23, 2001 the compact states of Oregon and Washington agreed with the Columbia River treaty tribes on opening the commercial setline fishery in the Bonneville and John Day pools. The harvest guidelines in The Dalles pool has been met and it will remain closed.

Summer Commercial setline season: Opens 6 a.m. on Friday, June 1, 2001. Only the Bonneville and John Day pools are open. Only setline gear may be used. The fishery will close 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31, 2001.

Area: Bonneville, John Day pool.
Restrictions: Hook size must be

9/0 or larger. Tribal fishers are encouraged to use circle-hooks and avoid J-hooks. All river mouth and dam sanctuaries remain in effect.

Allowable sales: The allowed sales during the summer sturgeon setline season will be restricted to sturgeon. Chinook and steelhead may not be sold.

Sturgeon size limit: Sturgeon between 4 feet and 5 feet in length may be sold commercially or kept for subsistence.

Sturgeon catch guidelines: The sturgeon catch guideline for the year for Zone 6 pools are as follow: Bonneville Pool, 1,300; The Dalles Pool, between 1,100; John Day Pool,

1,160, for a total guideline of 3,560.

Scaffold Fishery: The scaffold fishery remains open year-around. Scaffold catch of sturgeon maybe sold during open commercial fishing periods.

If you have fishing enforcement problems or need assistance or information day or night, contact the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement Office, 4270 Westcliff Drive, Hood River, Oregon. Phone: (541) 386-6363 or toll free (800) 487-FISH (3474). Please consult your tribal Fish and Wildlife Committee for additional details on tribal regulations. **Please wear your life jackets for safety!**



Photo by Tina Aguilar

Slots winner

"There's Always A Winner" is the slogan at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort & Casino! And Robert Wilson of Portland is a believer. Wednesday morning, May 23, Robert stopped by Kah-Nee-Ta Resort on his monthly excursion to the Casino. He routinely plays \$20 in the same 25-cent Wheel of Fortune slot machine. And \$12 later, he became \$206,171.25 richer. Wheel of Fortune are "linked" progressive slot machines manufactured by the IGT/Sodak Company.

Awareness encouraged for service of foster parents

Attention all CPS Foster Parents and Interested Community Members

It's foster parents awareness month and CPS would like to extend our most sincere thank you, we have recognized all of the patience, persistence, laughter, and tears that all of the foster parents for CPS have given for our children. CPS appreciates the time and energy that you have put into serving the children of our community.

Every year, numerous children fall into the world of foster care.

Foster homes in our community give the children a sense of hope and encouragement as well as giving the children an opportunity to remain in familiar surroundings. CPS Foster homes provide children safe and healthy homes to live in until they can reunite with their families.

It is time to help keep our children in the Warm Springs community and surrounding areas by providing safe and loving homes to children in need.

Come by the Warm Springs CPS office today and find out how you can make a difference in the life of a child at 1109 Wasco Street, in Warm Springs across the streets from Education and Culture and Heritage Departments or call 553-3209.

"Keep the Circle Strong."

Tips for touch

All Kids Need: HUGS

Touch is an important part of communication, and the warmth of expression that a hug brings can be wonderfully reassuring.

But there are good hugs and bad hugs.

Teach your child that there are good touches and bad touches, that her body is her own, and that she has the right to refuse a hug or kiss from anyone, even a relative or other adult they might know.

Teach them to inform you if they are ever touched in a way that makes them feel bad or "dirty"

Nice ways to show affection to children might be a handshake, a warm smile, a reassuring hand on a shoulder, or a kiss on the forehead rather than on the lips or cheeks. In any event, all adults must behave with appropriate boundaries and respect the rights of every child.

Try It! Discuss with your child the difference between good touches and bad touches