

New bridge will add access to Kah-Nee-Ta

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Construction of a \$1.2 million bridge will be the final phase of the Webster Flat Road project.

If all goes as planned, the new bridge will be open to traffic by late this summer or early fall.

Funding for the bridge project comes from the BIA. The bridge will be located a bit upstream from the Culpus Bridge.

Culpus Bridge will not be removed, and instead will be designed for use by pedestrians and bicyclists, said Travis Wells, tribal engineer.

Tribal Construction and Project Engineering teams last year built Webster Flat Road. This \$3.5 million roadway runs approximately 4.4 miles from Highway 3 in the Wolf Point area to the Warm Springs River, in the immediate area of the Culpus Bridge.

Webster Flat Road will pro-



Tribal engineer Travis Wells stands by the Culpus Bridge, which for vehicle traffic will be replaced this year by a new bridge.

vide important new access to Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino. However, for the project to be complete, a

new bridge is needed, said Wells. The Culpus Bridge, built in 1957, is very narrow, and can accommodate only a single lane

of traffic. "This bridge is no longer suitable for existing and future increased traffic," according to an engineering report

on the bridge project.

The proposed new bridge would have two lanes, and would be at a slightly higher el-

elevation above the river, to reduce damage during flooding.

The new bridge support would consist of eight precast concrete girders.

Past the river Webster Flat Road will intersect with Route 8, the road that runs past the Kah-Nee-Ta Golf Course.

The design plans call for a realignment of Route 8 in the area where the 8 will intersect with the new road. Webster Flat Road is expected to carry the heavier traffic load, and for this reason Webster Flat Road should not come to a "T" at the less busy Route 8. Instead, Route 8 will be aligned so that it comes to a "T" at Webster Flat Road.

Tribal Project Engineering encourages anyone who is interested in this project to comment directly to the department. The phone number is 553-3283. Engineering can be contacted by mail at P.O. 788, Warm Springs. Or stop by the office to look at the plans, said Wells. The office is located next to the Utilities Department.

Warm Springs youth travel to Tacoma for boxing

By Austin Smith
Boxing coach

At Tacoma, Washington two Warm Springs Nation Boxing Club boxers, Leander Smith and Jasper Smith, got on the scales early Saturday morning and again early Sunday morning. Both athletes not only made their weight classes, but they also did good when the boxing competition started.

Not both winners but both were very good competitors. Being competitive and being able to display that is always most entertaining. People enjoy the action of someone they know personally and it's always the same feeling when it's all over and you're walking away. Sometimes you do good and sometimes you do better. It's how the sport is played that makes the better difference.

Leander lost two hard fought matches. He was entered up as an 80 lb novice boxer, but he was the only contestant in that competitive division. He became the uncontested 2003 Tacoma Junior Golden Gloves Cham-

pion and received his prize to that title.

The same thing happened with Jasper and he brought home that place at the 106 lb division. Next year he might have to defend that title if he enters the tournament and is still at 106 lbs.

Since we drove so far and wanted nothing more than to compete at the sport of boxing we decided to jump into another match-bout division. This is where two boxers can be within two years of age of one another, yet must be within 5 and 7 pounds of each other. The experience between the boxers is put into the hands of the boxer's manager.

I witnessed a boxer who had only 9 previous matches go up against another who had 175 previous matches. The boxer with 9 matches beat the boxer with 175 matches. Doesn't seem right and yet that's how odds work sometimes.

I like boxing because it's a matter of how you are and not so much who you might be.

People many times interfere with the nature of the athlete and destroy the sport or try to control the nature of it all and destroy everything.

On Saturday February 1 Tacoma had a 110 lb., Ricardo, who earlier in the season was defeated by our 106 lb., Jasper. So, a match was egg'ed on by a Tacoma coach. It was a good second try by the Tacoma club boxer, but Jasper already had his rounds figured. But he stated that Ricardo had a hard right hand and fought even harder this time.

Leander moved to the open division and had two good bouts, one on Saturday, and one on Sunday. With two Tacoma boxers, one was Jerrell at 75 lbs., and the other was Taylor at 80 lbs. Both were champions in their weight class divisions and more than likely team sparring partners.

Leander didn't win either match but he did leave both boxers waiting. Leander said he needs to spar more, and he's right. Sparring is a problem out here in the not so populated areas of the boxing world.

I think Leander enjoyed himself in the ring.

On Sunday Jasper moved to 114 lbs and boxed a taller opponent from Cal's Boxing Club out of Summit Washington. Things didn't go right for the Cal's boxer after the first round but they sure went right for the Warm Springs Nation Boxing Team and Jasper won this one on all the cards.

Our gym hours are from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or until we have something better to do.

Madras will be hosting a boxing event on February 8, 2003, at the Westside Elementary School and we will be there so don't miss the action. Thank you Warm Springs for all the pride, joy and respect for these youth activities and please when you see something good coming for our community's future remember the old ones and let's all help (because it's already here) put together the new future. Faith, Hope, and Love, is all that's left and the greatest of these is Love, that's what it says.

Museum offering summer internship

The Museum at Warm Springs is offering a museum education internship to Native American college students.

This program is especially for students interested in exploring careers in anthropology, art, culture and heritage, education, museum or public program development.

The Museum at Warm Springs summer internship will pay a stipend of \$250 per week for 10 weeks.

To apply, send a letter of application to the following address: The Museum at Warm Springs, P.O. Box 753, Warm Springs, OR 97761. You can contact Rosalind Sampson, museum education coordinator, at (541) 553-3331.

If you are interested in the summer internship program fulfill the following checklist:

Proof of Native American heritage via a copy tribal affiliation card or tribal enrollment document.

Proof of enrollment in a higher education institution. A letter of interest telling why you wish to be an intern at the museum.

Three letters of recommendation.

Your letter of application with document must be postmarked by April 2. The museum's 2003 intern is responsible for his or her own housing during the internship.

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This contest is for real hands: Rodeo Photographs of the 1930s.

March 29 - May 4
at The Museum at Warm Springs

Warm Springs community members are invited to submit rodeo and cattle drive related items to the museum.

Items for display can include: "lucky boots," belt buckles, cowboy hats, branding material, beadwork depicting rodeo life, pictures and stories.

Deadline to submit, March



14, 5 p.m. This exhibit will feature black and white photos as seen inside the arena by photographer Orho Hartley (1895-1964).

His images capture the drama and skill of the old time rodeo, complete with bucking bronzes, wild steers, calf roping and trick riders of the 1930s.



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