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River dispute settled

The Confederated Tribes have reached a tentative agreement with the Bureau of Land Management and Oregon State Parks to implement a permit system for boaters on the Lower Deschutes River starting in 2005.

The agreement, which won't be official until its signed by the U.S. Department of Justice, would limited the number of boaters floating Segment 1, a section of river running from Warm Springs to Harpham Flat, beginning July 1, 2005.

Representatives of the Confederated Tribes reached the agreement with state and federal agencies during settlement negotiations in Portland last week.

Tualatin resident Mark Shuholm, who filed a lawsuit to force the agencies to implement a permit system, also agreed to the negotiated terms.

Shuholm filed the lawsuit because he felt state and federal agencies had ignored portions of the Lower Deschutes River Management Plan, mandating a limited-entry permit system when target use levels are repeatedly exceeded.

The Confederated Tribes had intervened on Shuholm's behalf.

In addition to the 2005 implementation date, the agreement would change the downstream boundary of Segment 1 to Harpham Flat, approximately 3 miles upstream from the current northern boundary.

The agreement would also implement a permit system on Segment 2 of the river in 2007 if target use levels were exceeded.

A permit system would be implemented in 2008 for segments 3 and 4 if targets were exceeded.

If the permit system is implemented as agreed to in the management plan and during the settlement negotiations, permits would be allocated through a common pool, which means the general public and commercial outfitters and guides would compete for permits on an equal basis.

Permits would be released on a staggered basis beginning a year in advance of the launch date. The agencies intend to make permits available through the Internet.

Most permitted rivers in the United States have a specified number of permits reserved for guides, so the Deschutes system will be unique.



Veterans Powwow

Tribal members and visitors gathered at the Agency Longhouse this past weekend for the 2003 Veterans Powwow. See page 7 for more photos.



Dave McMechan photos



School to have temporary gymnasium

A specially built triple-wide trailer will soon serve as a temporary gymnasium for students at Warm Springs Elementary School.

The trailer will be located in the field across the street from the school, near the Children's Protective Services office and group home.

A question yet to be answered is where the permanent new gymnasium will be located.

This question is tied to the issue of where the new Warm Springs Elementary School will be built.

Some have suggested that a new gymnasium be built on the site of the previous one, which burned down last winter. Similarly, some people feel that the new elementary school should be built at the site of the existing elementary school.

Others in the community feel the new school, including the new gym, should be built at a different location, such as by the Early Childhood Education Center.

If a new gymnasium is built at the site of the previous one, then construction could go forward relatively soon, said Phil Riley, superintendent of the 509-J school district.

If tribal and school officials agree that the new gym should be built at a different location, then the district will need to spend about \$60,000 working on the wall that was the south interior wall of the old gym.

If the gym were to be built elsewhere, then this wall would become an exterior wall of the building that is adjacent to the site of the old gym. The wall would have to be brought up to earthquake safety standards. The cost estimate is \$60,000, said Riley.

Bighorn sheep hunt a good time

By D. "Bing" Bingham
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Sometimes making tribal history is almost easy.

Joel Santos was the first runner up for one of the recent bighorn sheep tags in the ceded lands. The person who drew the tag originally returned it for unknown reasons.

"When I found out I got that tag," says Santos, "I went out two days in a row scouting in the afternoon below Sherar's Falls...I didn't see any the whole time."

On opening day, Santos and a friend were cruising about a mile below Beavertail, approximately 12-13 miles below Sherar's Falls, when they looked up on the hill and there was a herd of about 20 bighorn sheep. They were hanging out.

To say Santos got excited is an understatement.

The hunters jumped out of the truck and began to move around the sheep on a steep hill. About a 150 yards away, Santos saw eight rams walking in a row. "I was just sitting there watching

them, most of them had little half curls," he says, "I waited and finally a big one stepped out in front of me."

Santos was breathing too hard from his run up the steep hill to take a shot, so he layed down in the sagebrush for a few minutes to regain his breath.

Breathing easier, Santos took a head-on shot with his .243 and hit the ram in the chest. The ram didn't even flinch.

"I think I missed it," he muttered to himself.

As he was sighting in for a second shot, he noticed the ram started to roll back and forth—then drop. A moment later, the ram got back up and ran over a hill.

"I headed up the hill, then I heard a bunch of crashing," he says.

Santos ran down to where he had heard the noise and there was the ram—dead—about a 150 yards from the road.

"After I saw him drop, I looked up on the hill and there was [another ram] with a full curl just standing there," says Santos, "he just sat there and looked at

me, then walked off with his ewes."

That was when Santos stepped into the tribal history books. He, to the best of our knowledge, became the first tribal member to shoot a bighorn sheep in the ceded lands in the last 100 years.

"I didn't realize it...that's pretty amazing," he says, "I'm glad to represent the tribes like that."

As this goes to print, Santos' bighorn sheep is being mounted in a head mount and will stay in his father's house in Parkdale. There it will be displayed in a family game room.

The mount isn't the only thing Santos is interested in with bighorn sheep: he likes the taste of the meat.

"Meat is the main reason I wanted that tag," he says.

He's tasted some before and remembers it as a "real sweet tasting meat." The meat from his sheep has all been vacuum packed.

Maybe, best of all for Joel Santos will be his memories:

"This is the most fun I've ever had on a hunt."

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At high school new music room a hit

By D. "Bing" Bingham
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The new band room at Madras High School seems to be a hit.

"In our old room we had no windows and it was a little smaller than this," says music student Jermayne Tuckta.

Student friendly and more efficient is what this new addition to the high school is all about.

"We have our own lockers to put our instruments in," says student Rodney Katchia. This was not an option in the old band room.

Even the acoustics of the new band room are making an impression.

There is no carpet, so the reverberation is a little stronger than in the old room. But everybody seems to be adapting.

"I think the kids can hear themselves better," said Michael Preston, band director. "I have some of the players tell me they can hear the other



Jermayne Tuckta enjoys the acoustics of the new band room.

parts better in here. That's only going to help with balance, intonation and accuracy."

One of the biggest advantages of

the room is the flexibility of the floor space. In the old room the band practiced on a riser. The chairs were pretty much locked into one configuration.

"We don't ever perform on risers, we always perform flat and it's the audience that's in some sort of inclined position," says Preston, "so we might as well practice that way for balance of sound and tone. It helps."

Maybe the other advantage of the flat floor is something the students might appreciate more.

"Right before homecoming this year, it was raining, so instead of going outside, we cleared all the chairs out of the center of the room and just practiced our marching in place right in the center of the room," said Preston.

All in all, it looks like a general "thumbs up" for the new band room at the high school. There is, however, one tiny complaint about this unfinished room.

"It'd be nice to have a clock and a chalk board or white board instead of flip chart," says Jermayne Tuckta.

We suspect the rest of the equipment will be along soon.

Council considers '04 budget

The Tribal Council this week is set to adopt a budget for 2004.

The Council decision comes after community input at the district and General Council meetings, held in October and the first part of November in accordance with the Tribal Budget Ordinance.

At the outset of the Tribes' 2004 budget process, the Secretary-Treasurer recommended that the Tribal Council approve changes to the administration of federal programs at Warm Springs that would give the tribes a larger role in the delivery of federal services as well as generate additional tribal revenues.

This would be done through more extensive contracting under PL 93-638 contracts.

The Council has heard extensive comments on this proposal. Whether the Council would include the additional PL 93-638 contracting in the 2004 budget was not yet determined at press time for this edition of the Spilyay Tymoo.

Two proposals were developed for consideration in the upcoming budget. One proposal was built on the assumption that no new revenues would be available. A second proposal was to develop additional revenues by more extensive PL 93-638 (also called Indian Self-Determination Act) contracting of BIA and IHS services.

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