



Quindon Calica, left, and Elvis Frank, formerly first-graders at Warm Springs Elementary School, eat lunch in the field and think about summer outside the school cafeteria on the last day of school, Friday, June 10.

Museum opens 3 exhibits

This week, the Museum at Warm Springs introduces three exhibits. The opening reception for the exhibits is this afternoon, Thursday, June 23, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the museum reception hall.

The exhibits are a part of the tribal anniversary of the Treaty of 1855. One of the exhibits, "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," will be in the Changing Exhibits gallery.

This exhibit features the history, present and future of enterprises and departments of the tribes.

Featured are KWSO, Early Childhood Education, the elementary school, Power Enterprises, Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino, Forest Products Industries, the fish hatch-

ery, and businesses of Warm Springs Ventures.

Another exhibit includes 11 banners portraying history of the land of the region from time immemorial, to the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and up until modern times.

The banners include historic and modern photographs, a map drawing from the Lewis and Clark journals, excerpts from the treaty, among other images. The banners will hang in the reception hall of the museum.

Warm Springs Forest Products is helping with this exhibit by providing the hangers for the banners, which were created by graphic artist Thomas Osborne. Funding came from a grant through the Lewis and Clark bicentennial.



Historic photo of Isaac and Ida McKinley, part of the museum poster of the exhibit, "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

Another exhibit features photographs of pictographs of the Columbia River. The photographs of poster-size are by Jim Henderson. The photographer used special lighting techniques to bring out details of the pictographs. or the opening reception there will be tribal dance performances, singing and food.

Judge orders increased spills over Columbia and Snake dams in salmon protection case

(AP) - A federal judge ordered U.S. officials to increase the volume of water spilled through five dams on the Snake and Columbia rivers to make it easier for imperiled salmon species to reach the ocean.

U.S. District Judge James Redden, however, rejected a request to increase by 10 percent the speed of the rivers' water flow. Environmentalists had said that would lower water temperatures and further help the salmon's migration to the sea.

"The fall chinook run is in danger" because of the small amount of water spills, Redden said at a hearing earlier this month. "The law says you can't do that."

Government agencies named in a lawsuit over the salmon's protection - including the BPA, NOAA Fisheries and the U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers - said in a joint statement they may appeal the ruling to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

"We are extremely concerned that the outcome provides no guarantee for the improvement of salmon stocks and it could make things worse at an enormous cost to the region," the statement said.

Redden's ruling in favor of Indian tribes, fishermen and environmentalists calls for increases in water passing through spillways in four dams on the Snake River and the McNary Dam on the Columbia.

Environmentalists say the spills will allow the 12 species of threatened and endangered salmon species to more safely pass through the dams on their way to the sea and upon returning to spawn than when they pass through the turbines on the

dams. The turbines generate electricity for the Pacific Northwest but they also kill many of the salmon.

The Bonneville Power Administration estimated the extra spill will cost ratepayers about \$67 million, or about a two-percent increase, in rates for residential customers. The first spills are scheduled to begin in less than two weeks.

The recent ruling "said the federal government cannot walk away from its responsibilities for salmon and to the communities that rely on them," said Jan Hasselman of Seattle, an attorney with the National Wildlife Federation, the lead plaintiff in the case.

Last month, Redden struck down the Bush administration's \$6 billion plan for salmon recovery - saying it fell short of protecting the imperiled fish.

Council makes changes at Housing

There have been significant changes recently at the Warm Springs Housing Authority.

Tribal Council has appointed Jeff Sanders, tribal internal auditor, as the interim director of Housing. Sanders will serve until a new director is hired, said Laurina Hintsala, chief operations officer. The position of Housing director is currently being advertised, Hintsala said.

Also, Tribal Council has appointed an advisory committee for Housing. The five-member group is serving until a new Housing board is appointed, said Hintsala.

The members of the advisory committee are Hintsala, secretary-treasurer Jody Calica, Tribal Council Chairman Ron Suppah, chief financial officer Ray Potter, Utilities general manager Herb Graybael, and Jeff Sanders.

As he is currently serving as interim director of Housing, Sanders for now is not serving on the advisory committee.

These changes were implemented in response to complaints about Housing, said Hintsala. The situation is being investigated, she said.

Public Notice

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Events calendar

Boarding school orientation at the Education building, top floor in the training room. Come and meet boarding school representatives from Chemawa, Sherman and Flandreau high schools, and Riverside Indian School. Chemawa and Sherman representatives will be present on June 24-25 at 10 a.m. Flandreau will be present on the June 25 at 10 a.m. Riverside Indian School will be present June 26-28. For more information call Higher Education at 553-3311.

Attention veterans: All VFW meetings are on the first Wednesdays of each month, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Veterans Hall. Anyone wishing audience with the VFW should call to be added to the agenda. Call Commander Elliot Palmer Post No. 4217 Kirby Heath Sr., 553-2115. Or Quartermaster Harvey Jim, 553-9003.

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