

Events mark inundation anniversary of Celilo Falls

March 10 of this year will mark the 50-year anniversary of the flooding of Celilo Falls. There are many events planned around the region to commemorate the anniversary.

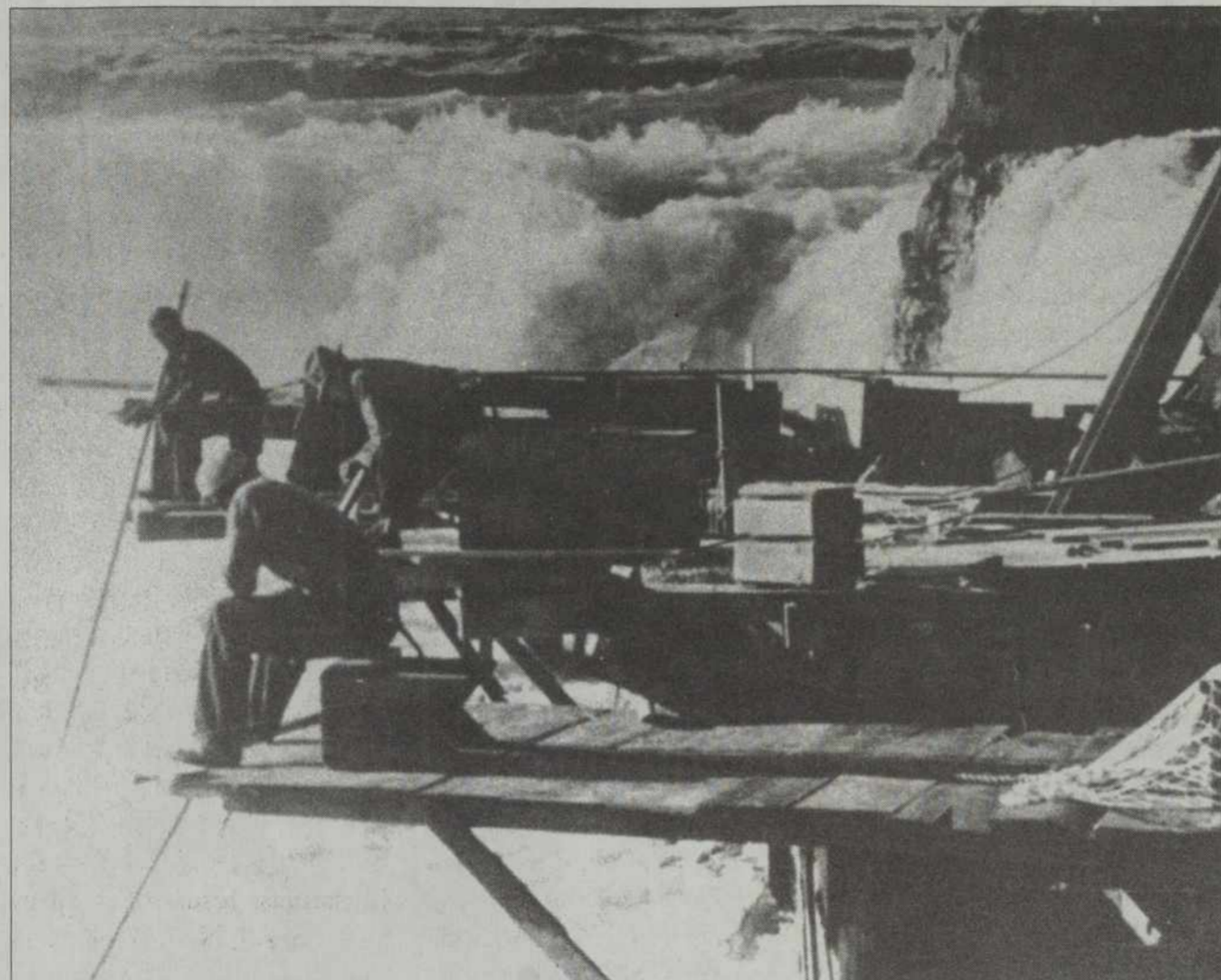
The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission maintains an on-line site that is dedicated to Celilo Falls. You can find it at the CRITFC website, www.critfc.org.

As stated by the fish commission, Celilo Falls was the site from time immemorial that "drove tribal economies and created one of the Western Hemisphere's great market places..."

"During high water, nearly one million cubic feet of water per second - five times the flow of Niagara Falls - would pass over the basalt rocks, creating a roar that could be heard many miles away... On the morning of March 10, 1957, the gates of The Dalles Dam closed and choked back the Columbia River. Six hours later Celilo Falls was gone."

The Museum at Warm Springs is planning an exhibit, "Remembering Celilo Falls," that will be featured at the museum from June 21-Sept. 9. The exhibit will be a look back at Celilo Falls through memories, images and the voices of the elders.

The Wy'Am board is considering how to commemo-



Fishermen at Celilo.

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rate the anniversary, said board member Louie Pitt, government affairs director of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Last November there was a

homecoming at Celilo Village dedicated to the memory of the falls. These are some other events around the region that will commemorate the inundation anniversary:

The Maryhill Museum at the Columbia, from March 15-July 8 will host the exhibit, "The Day the Columbia Ran Backward, March 10, 1957." Maryhill introduces this exhibit as follows:

Fifty years ago on a Sunday morning, engineers closed the gates on the newly-completed hydroelectric dam at The Dalles.

Thousands stood along the shore to watch the rising waters push eastward to form a long and docile lake that covered the famous Celilo Falls and other ancient fishing sites.

About 10,000 people showed up to watch. Arguably the single most poignant cultural episode in the history of the Pacific Northwest.

As far back as the 1920s the federal government began framing a project consisting of ten large dams on the Snake and Columbia Rivers, but only the inundation of Celilo falls captured the public's relentless attention.

Curated by noted scholar and author Mary Schlick, the fascinating history of this momentous event is told through photographs, paintings, prints and written documents.

Celilo Falls Concerto on Tuesday, March 6.

The Tamástslikt Cultural Institute will sponsor the Walla Walla Symphony world premiere of an all percussion concerto in three movements. Its theme is the Celilo Falls and the confluence of rivers. The Tamástslikt Cultural Institute is the interpretive center for the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla Tribes.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and Tamástslikt Cultural Institute are sponsoring the play **Ghosts of Celilo** on March 15 for tribal members and on the 16 for the general public at the Blue Mountain Community College Theatre.

There will be a Thursday 1 p.m. showing for schools (suitable for junior and senior high school).

Ghosts of Celilo was based on a boarding school experience of the late Nathan "Eight-Ball" Jim, interpreted in music and drama.

For more information call (541) 966-9748.

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Rudy Kaye Paul Sr.

Rudy Kaye Paul Sr. passed away on December 29, 2006 at his home. He was 61.

Mr. Paul was born October 3, 1945 at Warm Springs to parents Felix Paul and Eunice Charley.

Mr. Paul was a lifelong resident of Warm Springs. He enjoyed bowling, hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his sons Rudy Paul Jr. of Warm Springs, and Stuart Paul of Fossil; and sister Paulette Hawley of Warm Springs. A brother and sister preceded him in death.

Birth

Alexandra Alfonso Plouffe-Hinojosa

Javier Hinojosa and Debra Kalama of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Alexandra Alfonso Plouffe-Hinojosa, born January 4, 2007. Alexandra joins brother Perry, and sisters Sharda, Doriann, Shanell, Colleen and Javiera.

The father's parents are Carmella Cuellar and Alfonso Hinojosa of Mexico. The mother's parents are the late Doris Hunt, and Dennis Plouffe of Missoula, Mont. Great grandparents are Pastor Ernest Hunt and Frances Hunt of Warm Springs.

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Monday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.:

Aftercare support group meeting at the Community Counseling Center.

Wednesday from noon to 1:30 p.m.: AA meeting at the Community Counseling Center.

Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.: AA/NA meeting at the Community Counseling Center.

Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m.: Talking Circle at the Community Coun-

seling Center.

Saturday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.: AA/NA meeting at the Community Counseling Center.



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