

Fall colors at museum



Selena Boise/Spilyay

The Museum at Warm Springs will begin its fall-winter hours on Saturday, Nov. 1.

The new hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. The museum will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Remember to visit the Fifteenth Annual Tribal Member Art Exhibit at the museum.

The exhibition will be on display in the museum Changing Exhibits Gallery through January 5 of 2009.



Leslie Mitts/Spilyay

Weekend clean-up at West Hills

The West Hills Beautification Project is set for this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25-26.

A main goal of the project is to remove the weeds from the sidewalks in the West Hills neighborhood. Volunteers are needed for cutting the weeds, bagging and removing them.

Over the past several weeks, friends, neighbors, businesses and community teams have offered their time and resources toward the project, said

Jefferson Greene, project organizer.

Since early September, when the project first got under way, community members have contributed hundreds of dollars to the project, said Greene.

Many different organizations have come forward to financially support the project, he said.

The clean-up project will begin on Saturday morning, Oct. 25 with an opening ceremony at the corner of Foster Street and

Bray Avenue in West Hills.

For more information, or to contribute or participate, call Jefferson Greene at (541) 460-3004.

Greene asked that people in West Hills try to keep their dogs close to their homes on the days of the clean-up. Also, he asked that people park their vehicles away from the sidewalk work areas on the clean-up days; and reduce the amount of waste and garbage around homes in the neighborhood.

Feds to help salmon past Willamette dams

(AP) — Dams that have blocked salmon migration on the Willamette River are about to get the kind of multimillion-dollar makeovers it took on the Columbia River to improve fish passage to spawning grounds.

Federal biologists are calling for systems that haven't been devised yet to shunt fish past dams twice as high as those on the Columbia.

The work mandated by the Endangered Species Act might require temporarily draining Detroit Lake, a recreational reservoir east of Salem, to install equipment that re-creates natural water temperatures for fish below the dam.

The Army Corps of Engineers, which built the 13 dams on the Willamette decades ago to control flooding, must try to provide the ecological benefits

of floods and natural flows without the damage floods can do.

Biologists say roughly 95 percent of the once-flourishing runs of salmon and steelhead are gone from the second-largest river system in the state.

Without helping fish reach those prime spawning streams, "there is just not enough habitat to produce enough fish to rebuild the run," said Stephanie Burchfield of NOAA-Fisheries, which oversees protected salmon.

The work will extend multibillion-dollar efforts to offset the fish impacts of Columbia River dams. Officials say it will take hundreds of millions of dollars worth of engineering, technology and habitat repair, nearly half funded by ratepayers who get hydroelectric power from the dams.

Among the changes planned during the coming decade:

The corps must help young salmon and steelhead migrate down the river's tributaries past dams, especially Detroit, Cougar and Lookout Point. No one is sure how to do that; it may require expensive pumping facilities and chutes or lowered reservoir levels in spring.

Dam operators must move migrating adult fish past dams 450 or more feet high to upstream spawning grounds. This may mean capturing fish below dams and trucking them uphill; one dam might use a kind of fish elevator system.

The overhaul of the Willamette dams is required under a 1,300-page biological opinion completed by the National Marine Fisheries Service, which oversees protection of salmon.

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