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2010 Year in Review

Here is a look at some of the news that happened on the reservation during the second half of the the year.

June

At Culture & Heritage

Valerie Switzler is happy to be back living and working on the Warm Springs Reservation after a lengthy stay in the Midwest for her education.

Switzler, 49, now heads the tribal Culture and Heritage Department, the job formerly held by Myra Johnson-Orange.

"Myra wanted us to succeed in everything we did," Switzler said fondly of her predecessor, who retired several weeks ago.

Switzler recently completed her master's degree at the University of Kansas in Global Indigenous Nations Studies, specifically language revitalization and documentation.

Language Bowl

The Warm Springs language team received the Sportsmanship Award recently from the organizers of Language Bowl 2010.

"This was the second Language Bowl," Roberta Kirk said. "It's made up of all of the tribes that speak the Sahaptin language, are involved."

Arlita Rhoan, Ichishkiin west. Sahaptin instructor for the Lan-



Canoe family leaving in July for Makah from Celilo Park.

Memorial Wall

Tribes participated in the Tribal Journeys canoe gathering, which brought together 50 so a lot of different reservations tribes and hundreds of tribal canoe families of the North-

The teams met at the Makah

ment corporation, has been The Traveling Wall, a tribute leading the tribal effort in purto veterans, will be in Warm suing the telecommunications Springs for two hours on project.

wall initially was a replica of the Huckleberry Feast

The Department of the Interior last week published the The tribes celebrated Huck-

Casino FEIS published

late summer or early fall, the

feast give thanks to the Creator

for providing for the people.

the preferred alternative site for a new tribal casino.

The publication marks the end of the environmental review and assessment process, which has been going on for about five years, or twice as long as expected.

Officers cross-deputized

Thirteen tribal officers, along with Public Safety general manager Jim Soules and police chief Carmen Smith, were sworn in as special officers of the Wasco County Sheriff's Department. Being cross-deputized allows tribal officers to arrest non-Indians who commit state crimes on the reservation. Earlier this year, officers were sworn in as special officers of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department.

Law and Order

Tribal council decided to create a task force to determine the immediate course of action and weigh future options in response to the Tribal Law and Order Act. Signed by President Obama earlier this summer, the law says a person cannot serve longer that one year in the tribal jail following a conviction, unless the jail is approved for longterm incarceration and tribes meet other procedural requirements.

The Warm Springs Jail is not currently approved for longterm incarceration.

Fire still burning

Seven fires that make up the

guage Program, said that the Reservation on Neah Bay. An team, Melitlama, was invited to estimated 10,000 people atparticipate this year by Modesta tended the celebration, which Minthorn from Pendleton.

The girls who make up the team are Tashina Eastman, 9, Inez Queahpama, 9, and Keeyana Yellowman, 12.

participating which included Billy Joe Berry Jr., Billy Joe Berry Sr., Jacob Berry, Mercedes Mitchell, April Rose, and Faith Berry.

July

Canoe Journey

The Warm Springs canoe team traveled from Celilo to Neah Bay on the Olympic Peninsula, following a weeklong journey from Celilo Park on the Columbia.

event for the tribes, marking the first time the Confederated lasted through week.

The Warm Springs canoe team paddled the N'Chi Wanapam canoe of the Confederated Tribes. The journey was Suzie Slockish also had a team a great accomplishment for those who participated and represented the tribes.

West Hills shootout

Shots were fired in West Hills as tribal police, assisted by U.S. Marshals, the FBI, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Madras police attempted to serve a warrant on Aldo Antunez Sr.

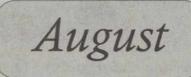
Tribal and federal officers received tips that the fugitive was hiding out at at a residence in West Hills. Antunez was facing charges eluding charges tied to a prior incident, plus additional was held in custody on over \$500,000 bail.



now includes names of those killed in all wars from World War II through the presend-day wars in the Middle East.

Wednesday, August 11. The

Vietnam Memorial wall, and



Telecommunications

The tribes have been awarded \$5.5 million for development of a telecommunications enterprise on the reservation. The funds will allow the company, wholly owned by the tribes, to bring high-speed broadband Internet and telephone service to the reservation. The funds cam through the Department of Agriculture, as part of the Recovery Act economic stimulus program.

Half of the money is This was historic an historic charges for the shootout. He a grant, and the other half is a loan. Warm Springs Ventures, the tribes' economic develop-

leberry Feast at both the Agency and HeHe Longhouses on Sunday, August 8. The feast marks the beginning of the huckleberry gathering season for tribal members. Traditionally celebrated in

final environmental impact statement regarding the tribes' Cascade Locks casino proposal. In the final EIS, published in the Federal Register last Friday, the BIA names Cascade Locks as

White Lightning Complex grew quickly due to gusty winds. The fire is centered 15 miles north of Warm Springs and has burned more than 27,000 acres.

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