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## Referendum Day

The community center voting polls were busy on Tuesday, as tribal members were deciding the Warm Springs k-8 school proposal.

Results of the referendum were yet not available for this publication. For the results tune in to KWSO 91.9 FM. Also see Spilyay Tymo on Facebook. And there are flyers with the results at the post office, administration building, and other places around the community. More referendum coverage in the next Spilyay.



Jayden Builder helps get the vote out Tuesday.



Richard Macy casts his ballot Tuesday morning.

## Fisheries work on John Day

The tribal Natural Resources Branch is now working on the second phase of a three-phase restoration project on the Middle Fork of the John Day River.

The area being restored is the Oxbow Conservation Area, a 1,022-acre tribally-owned property near the reservation boundary.

The land is managed by the tribes for the protection and enhancement of salmon, steelhead, bull trout and other species important to the tribes.

Natural Resources in 2011 completed the first phase of the project, called the Oxbow Tailings Restoration Project.

The first phase addressed in-

stream habitat along the south channel of the bifurcated river, in the upper half of the project area. This phase used about 400 whole trees to construct log jams, channel spanning structures, and floodplain wood features.

Natural Resources this month is initiating Phase 2, which will remove the north channel of the bifurcation, reconnecting the Granite Boulder Creek along its natural route to the south of the channel.

The third phase, scheduled for 2014-15, will be the largest phase, and calls for the construction of more than a mile of new river channel, reconnecting with Ruby Creek

on the lower half of the project site.

As Phase 2 is getting under way, Natural Resources staff are teaming up with the Hood River and John Day staff to salvage fish from the Middle Fork John Day River on the Oxbow Conservation Area.

Phase 2 will also involve the removal of 30,000 cubic yards of mine tailings, bringing in up to 17,000 cubic yards of soil, and removal of 3,400 feet of the ditch created by the dredge mining that bifurcates the river.

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## Cascade Crossing project timeline

By Dave McMechan  
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The tribes and Portland General Electric this summer are continuing negotiations regarding the Cascade Crossing Transmission Project. A potential route of the line includes the Warm Springs Reservation, on an existing Bonneville Power Administration power line corridor.

A cost appraisal for use of the corridor is scheduled for next month, when the business negotiations begin, according to the timeline for the project.

Identifying tribal environmental mitigation and conditions requirements is scheduled for the fall, with a business agreement between the two parties possible in January 2013, according to the timeline.

Construction of the electric transmission line would happen in 2014. The project is large, and final construction is expected in 2017.

PGE is proposing to build and operate about 215 miles of transmission line, running from Boardman in the east to Salem.

The Sidwalter area of the reservation, with its existing BPA corri-

dor, is one proposed route for the new line. As with existing lines on the reservation, the tribes would be compensated for providing the easement to PGE.

Because the proposed line would follow an existing corridor, the potential environmental impact is mitigated. The tribes will conduct public hearings on the proposal before a final action is taken.

The tribal Integrated Resource Management Plan process would apply for permitting. As the project also crosses federal land, the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process also applies.

Between Boardman and Salem, the proposed line would cross 64 percent privately-owned lands; 20 percent lands managed by federal agencies; 14 percent lands on the Warm Springs Reservation; and 2 percent state or municipal lands.

PGE would also build four new substations and upgrade existing substations.

The purpose is "to help meet Oregon's growing energy needs, enable development of more renewable energy projects and enhance reliability of the region's electrical grid."

## Culture Camp is back on

The Culture Camp at Peters Pasture is set for August 20-23. There had been talk of canceling the camp this year, as the long-time organizer, Arlene Boileau, had retired from the project.

The Culture and Heritage Department is now organizing the camp with assistance and advice from Boileau.

The Culture Camp is a 20-year summer tradition for tribal youth. The youth who participate stay at Peters Pasture for the three-day camp. They make their own rules of conduct, and learn about cultural practices, such as language, beading, fishing, and the sweat lodge.

This year the camp theme is Nami Twanat, or Following Our Traditional Ways.

The camp requires the cooperation of many individuals and organizations. This year Culture and Heritage wishes so far to thank Boileau, OSU Extension, Michael Martinez, Rosanna Jackson of the Community Counseling Prevention Program.

There is a \$25 fee to attend the camp but scholarships are given. The scholarship workshop is on August 7 from 10 a.m.-noon. There are scholarship requirements in two different age groups:

Ages 8-13: Write a one-page essay on "Why you want to go to camp."

Ages 6 and 7: Draw a picture for submission in lieu of essay.

Registration deadline is July 29, with payment due on August 10.

## Telecom marks milestone with one hundredth customer

Warm Springs Telecom marked a milestone in June, signing up its one hundredth customer, tribal elder Perthina White.

A team of Telecom staff surprised the long-time reservation resident on June 20, arriving at her home to thank her for her business.

The crew then installed Perthina's brand new telephone service. "This is great," said daughter Ina Anderson, thanking the Telecom crew for the service.

Ina explained that her mother had been without a landline phone for about one year.

"When CenturyLink bought Qwest, my mother didn't realize that CenturyLink was her new phone company," Ina said. "She threw away all their mailers, thinking it was junk mail, and eventually they disconnected my mother's phone."

Ina worried about her mother living without a telephone. "Now I'm glad she has this new one," she told

the Telecom staff, explaining that her biggest concern has been that her mom didn't have a phone in case of emergencies.

"What if there were a fire here? She couldn't call anyone," Ina explained. A phone for all reservation residents in case of emergency is also a priority for tribal leaders.

Although Perthina does have a cell phone, like many seniors, she finds it almost too complicated to use. She knows how to answer her cell phone; calling out is more complicated. Now, having a landline phone service, Perthina is much more comfortable, knowing how to use her "regular" phone.

In addition, cell-phone service does not reach throughout the reservation, and a landline phone is more reliable for emergencies.

### Reasonable cost

Warm Springs Telecom works with everyone to get the cost of



Perthina White

having a phone realistic.

Perthina was surprised to find that her bill would be about \$7 per month. She is getting basic telephone service with caller ID, and is eligible for the federal tribal lifeline support. This service, which Warm

Springs Telecom sells as Tribal Connect, makes the cost of having a telephone \$1 plus fees per month, for qualified subscribers.

For those who also want broadband Internet, the support can be applied to a bundled package of telephone and Internet.

Perthina thought she would never again have a telephone. Then her daughter encouraged her to sign up for the new Warm Springs Telecom. When the team showed up to install her phone, she was surprised to learn the company is owned by the tribes. "I didn't know this was our tribes' company," she said.

She was so happy that this was the case. "Whatever the tribes own, it is to help our people," she said. "This is really good because we can go to them whenever we need them," adds Perthina.

She was also pleased by the care and speed with which installers Javin Dimmick and Kevin Gaston used

as they installed the new equipment on the outside of house and then connected her phone inside her home.

"This is a very good company," she said. "These people came when they said they would come, and did what they said they are going to do... I am happy that the tribe is getting it done!"

Warm Springs Telecom continues to install new customers. If you have not yet stopped by the Telecom office to sign up, they encourage you to do so, even if you are not in the immediate area to be connected. This is especially true for those who believe they are eligible for the Tribal Connect program, as the paperwork takes some time.

As the staff was leaving, daughter Ina was asked if she signed up for her phone service. She exclaimed, "Don't worry, I got my application and I will be signing up soon!"