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Canoe Journey to Squaxim



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The N'Chi Wanapam Canoe Family of Warm Springs on the journey to Squaxim Island.

The Warm Springs canoe team completed the 2012 Journey, arriving at Squaxim Island on the Olympic Peninsula, home of the tribal community of Kamilche.

This is the third year that the N'Chi Wanapam Canoe Family has participated in the Tribal Journeys

canoe gathering.

The gatherings draw hundreds of tribal members and dozens of canoes for a week-long celebration.

The Warm Springs crew left on the journey on July 12. They arrived at Squaxim on July 29. The ensuing six days on Squaxim Is-

land were a great celebration of tribal culture.

In a modern-day addition to the ancient canoe tradition, people at home in Warm Springs were able to watch the Canoe Journey events at Squaxim Island on a Internet stream.

Architect, manager next steps for school

The Confederated Tribes and Jefferson County School District 509-J are moving forward now with the financing aspects of the new Warm Springs school.

For their part, the tribes will be seeking a loan guarantee from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, said chief operations officer Urbana Ross.

The guarantee would make it easier for the tribes to secure funding for the \$20 million project. The tribes will pay half the total cost, and the school district the other half. The school district issues bonds for its share, and pays them off over time through district property tax.

Meanwhile, the tribes and district are in the process of hiring a project manager, who will see the project through to completion. The school is scheduled to be open for the 2014-15 school year.

The tribes and district formed a committee that will decide on

the person to hire as project manager.

The committee includes two members of Tribal Council, the secretary-treasurer and chief operations officer, school board chairwoman Laurie Danzuka, the vice chairman, the district superintendent and the director of operations.

Once hired, the project manager will join the committee and help determine who to hire as the architect, said Rick Molitor, district superintendent.

The school district has hired a project manager for the construction of the performing arts center in Madras. This project was part of the bond proposal that also included the Warm Springs k-8 school.

The school district bond levy, passed by district voters in May, will also fund major improvements to the Madras High School sports facilities.

— Dave McMechan

More wild goats arrive at Mt. Jefferson

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Branch of Natural Resources released more Rocky Mountain goats recently at Mt. Jefferson on the reservation.

The tribes worked on the release project with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The tribes and Fish and Wildlife released 24 of the wild goats in late July. The 24 new releases joined the goats and offspring that were released on the mountain in 2010.

Of the 24 new releases, 14 were nannies, one an adult billy, six yearling nannies, two female kids and one male kid.

The animals had been captured earlier in the Elkhorn Mountains in Baker County.

Historically, Rocky Mountain goats lived on Mt. Jefferson. In the early 1900s, the population dwindled and disappeared as more people settled in the region.

The goats taken from Elkhorn appear to be a good fit for the Mt.



Kelly Warren photo/CTWSRO.

Andrea Karoglanian, wildlife biologist of the Confederated Tribes, releases a Rocky Mountain goats at the base of Mount Jefferson.

Jefferson habitat, biologists said.

An earlier survey of the first release found at least 29 goats on the mountain, including two sets of

twins. "The nucleus of the herd is still up around Mt. Jefferson, on and off reservation land," said Doug Calvin, wildlife manager with tribal

Natural Resources.

"But goats have the ability to cross some very rough terrain, and some are starting to disperse to areas we anticipated, like Three-fingered Jack and Olallie Butte," he said. "This supplemental release will help bolster them on and off the reservation."

Fourteen of the goats have radio tracking collars, allowing biologists to follow their migrations. The Branch of Natural Resources is managing the Mt. Jefferson Rocky Mountain goat population to provide cultural and ceremonial opportunities for tribal members in the future.

Once an adequate population has been sustained—50 or more goats for five years—tribal members can hunt the goats on the reservation. The Rocky Mountain goat is the rarest game animal hunted in the state today, with only 11 tags available in 2012.

Huckleberry Feast at Hehe on Sunday

The Huckleberry Feast will be at the HeHe Longhouse on Sunday, August 12.

Memorials for pickers and other families were held on August 4. There was also an opening of the salmon pit area in memory of Benson Heath.

Deer Ridge inmates to host powwow

The Native American inmates at the Deer Ridge Correctional Institution will host their Second Annual Powwow next month.

The powwow will be at Deer Ridge, east of Madras, on Saturday, Sept. 8. Grand entry will be at 9 a.m. Guests should arrive at 8 a.m.

Anyone interested in attending this event should contact Deer Ridge Chaplain Tim Woods by August 24. His number is 541-325-5617. You can also reach the corrections facility at 541-325-5999. Or send an email to:

tim.n.woods@doc.state.us

The Native inmates at Deer Ridge are inviting dancers and drummers to attend the event. They will have fry bread and Indian tacos, and a giveaway. A hand-drum special is open to all singers.

Deer Ridge is a minimum-security prison. It opened in 2007. There are about 760 inmates at the facility. An average of five Native Americans from Warm Springs are among the inmates. Another 25 or so are Native Americans from other tribes. Last year the powwow was very successful, with about 50 guests in attendance.

The Rez Olympics

Warm Springs Prevention and Big Brothers Big Sisters hosted the Rez Olympics last week.

Events included the sack races (right), archery, frisbee throw, softball throw, and the long-jump. (More on page 6.)



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