

Ski Day at Mt. Hood



Mt. Hood Meadows hosted over 100 participants on the annual ski day. Top: Group picture. Clockwise from above: snowboarder Jaden Davis; Skiing lessons; Shae Yeahquo; Snowboarding lessons; Ina Anderson, Rolin Morningowl take a break; Skier Kaliyah Iverson.

Yvonne Iverson photos.



Meeting for KNT 2013 Salmon Bake season

Kah-Nee-Ta Resort will hold a meeting to discuss the 2013 schedule for its Summer Salmon Bakes. The resort is asking tribal members interested in cooking and dancing to attend one of two meetings.

The meetings will be in the HeHe room at Kah-Nee-Ta. Time and dates are as follows:

Tuesday, Feb. 26 10 a.m. and Saturday, March 2 at 9 a.m.

Along with the discussion, the meeting will provide a chance to fill out all necessary paperwork for the 2013 Salmon Bake Season

In order to be on the 2013 roster, individuals must attend one of these meetings.

For more information, please call Cruz Bocanegra III, Banquet and Convention Services manager at 541- 553-1112, Extension 3436.

Salmon Bakes will be held every Saturday from May 25 through August. Private salmon bakes will be scheduled at the groups' requests.

Next deadline to submit items for publication in the Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, March 1. Thank you!

Oregon wilderness bills reintroduced

(AP) – Longstanding proposals to protect rivers and forests in Oregon as wilderness areas were reintroduced in Congress last week by Oregon's two senators.

Democratic Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley co-sponsored the proposals. Wyden said that as chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, he hopes to break the gridlock that has held them up in the past.

"These areas provide habitats to countless species of plants and animals, economic benefits to surrounding communities and recreational opportunities for Oregonians and visitors throughout the nation," Wyden said in a statement.

Merkley said in a statement the bills were an important step toward protecting treasured terrain so surrounding areas have healthy salmon runs, recreation and tourism for their local economies.

The measures face an uncertain future in the Republican-controlled House, where Resources Committee Chairman Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Wash., has been working on legislation to increase logging in national forests.

"Chairman Hastings considers wilderness bills on an individual basis, but is concerned about the restrictions they place on public access to public lands," said committee aide Spencer Pederson.

Steve Pedery, conservation director for the environmental group Oregon Wild, said he was confident Wyden would be able to broker a

public lands deal with Republicans interested in energy development that would result in adding the areas to the nation's wilderness areas, as he has done in the past.

The bills would expand the Oregon Caves National Monument and Wild Rogue Wilderness in southwestern Oregon, create new wilderness along the John Day River in Central Oregon, and create the Devil's Staircase Wilderness to protect old growth forest in the Coast Range on the Siuslaw National Forest.

They also would elevate Wild and Scenic Rivers Act protections for the Chetco River in southwestern Oregon, and the Molalla River south of Portland.

Kitzhaber signs water deal

(AP) – The decades-long tug-of-war between farmers and environmentalists in Eastern Oregon's Umatilla Basin eased Friday when they, along with tribal interests and government regulators, agreed to a "declaration of cooperation" on a handful of projects to increase irrigation water without hurting endangered salmon.

The deal signed by Gov. John Kitzhaber and members of a taskforce comprised of competing interest groups includes water storage projects

that could divert more Columbia River water in the winter, which is less detrimental to fish than spring and summer withdrawals.

"There is a path forward that allows us to find solutions that balance both in-stream and out-of-stream uses of water," Kitzhaber said.

The rich farmland of the Umatilla Basin produces peas, potatoes, wheat, watermelon and other crops. Potentially valuable acres are left unused, however, because of insufficient water. The nearby Co-

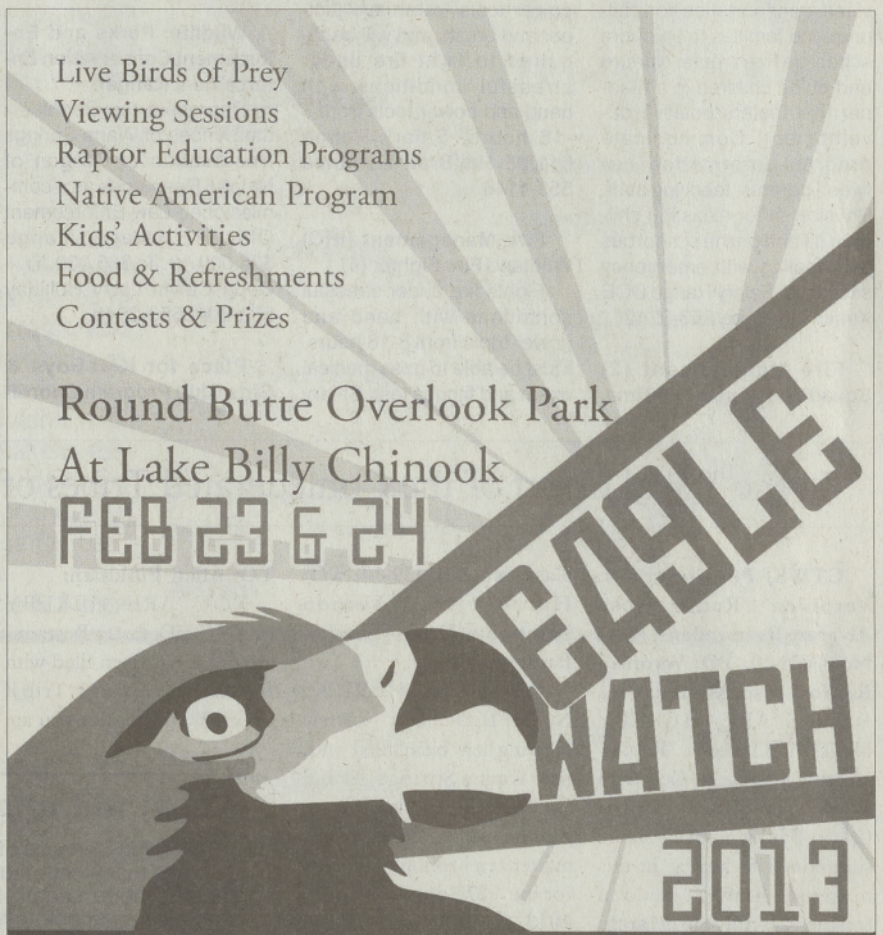
lumbia River tempts farmers with water they can't use because it's targeted for hydroelectric power and salmon.

The projects that won a consensus include:

Completing the Umatilla Basin aquifer recharge project, which would divert water from the river in the winter, when its flow is high, and store it underground for future use. The governor's office says it should be up-and-running within three years.

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