

At the Fair



Yvonne Iverson/Spilyay Tymoo.

Warm Springs youth Trecee Reese and Byron Patt were busy with 4-H activities during the Jefferson County Fair. Trecee (above) received a showmanship ribbon during the swine showing. She also received First In Show in the rabbit showing. Byron also participated in the swine showing.

Funding for Celilo art project

The Confluence Project will receive capital funds from state and federal sources to continue site work at Celilo Park, and to complete artwork at Chief Timothy Park near Clarkston, Wash.

To complete the final two of six Confluence Project sites, both Oregon and Washington states approved capital funds in recently passed state budgets: \$1.5 million from the state of Oregon, and \$747,000 from the state of Washington.

In addition, Western Federal Highways will administer recently approved federal transportation grant funds for key site improvements at Celilo Park, bringing the \$8.1 million Celilo Park project to 50 percent of its funding target.

Nearing completion of its public land restoration and public art installation goals, the Confluence Project is in the final years of its capital campaign, culminating in \$38.17 million raised since achieving non-profit status in 2002.

Maya Linn is the designer of the Confluence Project. She is known also for her design of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The state of Oregon has allocated \$1.5 million in bonded lottery funds to build Maya Lin's designed 'Celilo Arc' at Celilo Park, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recreational property across from Celilo Village.

Funds will be available in 2015 to meet the anticipated six-month construction timeline.

Critical site work at Celilo

Park has been funded in part through federal transportation funds, including safety improvements to the rail crossing at the park's entrance, redesigned parking lot, updated restroom facilities, and new interpretive features.

Combined state, federal, and private funds for Maya Lin's Celilo Arc' and Celilo Park exceed 50 percent of the project's \$8.1 million budget.

The Confluence Project is approaching area foundations and community supporters to cap off the capital campaign.

Jane Jacobsen, executive director of the Confluence Project, shares "We are honored to gain the support from both Oregon and Washington, as well as funding from federal transportation sources for Celilo Park. These funds allow us to continue our work in six sites along the Columbia River and bring positive attention to the great Pacific Northwest."

Contributions to the Confluence Project may be made online at: confluenceproject.org.

About the project

The Confluence Project employs place-based art as the lens through which to

explore confluences of culture, environment, and regional heritage of the Columbia River and its tributaries.

The project is a collaborative effort of Pacific Northwest Tribes.

The tribes, acclaimed artist Maya Lin, and local communities from Oregon and Washington are working together to reclaim public spaces of cultural, physical, and ecological significance to the Columbia River Basin.

The goal is accomplished through public art installations, environmental restoration, and educational programming.

Four of the six planned sites featuring art by Maya Lin have been completed. In 2010, these sites served over 1.7 million visitors at Cape Disappointment at Ilwaco, Wash.; Vancouver Land Bridge, Vancouver, Wahs.; Sandy River Delta at Troutdale; and Sacajawea at Clarkston, Wash.

Chief Timothy and Celilo Parks will be complete in 2014 and 2015 respectively.

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WARM SPRINGS TELECOM

CRITFC seeking library technician

Job Summary/Primary Responsibility: The Library Technician assists with providing library services for both CRITFC and the fishery management community in the Columbia Basin through the StreamNet Project. The position requires experience with computers, and an interest in organizing and maintaining information resources.

The Library staff is team-oriented. Each staff member has assigned duties and is allowed the freedom to com-

plete those duties. As a team, the Library staff members work together to gather and organize information to support the scientific research into the natural resources of the Columbia River basin and Pacific Northwest. Visit our website for a full job description, and the application directions on how to apply. <http://www.critfc.org/critfc-employment-opportunities/> Closing date August 16, 2013

Tribes open fish facility

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, with cooperation from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and funding from the BPA, located, designed and constructed a juvenile spring Chinook salmon and adult trapping facility on the West Fork Hood River near Parkdale.

The facility will improve the introduction of spring Chinook and provide salmon

for harvest.

On the first day of operation, on July 1, the \$4.5 million facility immediately had fish enter the gates, and has since been trapping and processing fish nearly every day.

The goal is to identify viable brood stock and collect data. The fisheries workers at the facility take scale samples, DNA, mark the fish and read the electronic tag.

Over 100 fish have been captured during the first month of operation. The previous fish ladder constructed in the 1980's fell into disrepair and didn't allow passage of juveniles.

The facility also serves as a permanent juvenile acclimation site. The tribes release about 150,000 spring Chinook salmon into the Hood River each spring.

Canoes arrive for Quinault celebration

TAHOLAH, Wash. - The N'Chi Wanapum Canoe Family of Warm Springs was among the 70 canoes from 60 Indian tribes that arrived last week at Point Grenville.

The landing site is on the Quinault Indian Reservation about 20 miles north of Ocean Shores.

An estimated 12,000 people were on hand to see the mass landing at the annual tribal canoe event.

The Quinault tribe hosted the visitors for several days of celebrations.

The first such event in 1989 was the Paddle to Se-



Courtesy photo/Tribal Journeys.

Canoes near Quinault.

attle. Canoes have been visiting tribal points along Puget Sound and the coast this sum-

mer on this year's Paddle to Quinault. (More on the Canoe Family in the next Spilyay.)

Judge blocks planned horse slaughter

(AP) - A federal judge on last week temporarily halted plans by companies in New Mexico and Iowa to start slaughtering horses this week.

U.S. District Judge Christina Armijo issued a restraining order in a lawsuit brought by The Humane Society of the United States and other groups in case that has sparked an emotional national debate about how best to deal with the tens of thousands of unwanted and abandoned horses across the country. Armijo issued a restraining order and scheduled another hearing for this week in the lawsuit. The move stops what would have been the resumption of horse slaughters for the first time in seven years in the U.S.

The groups contend the Department of Agriculture failed to do the proper environmental studies before issuing permits that allowed companies in Iowa and New Mexico to open horse slaughterhouses. The com-

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panies had said they wanted to open as soon as Monday of this week.

The horse meat would be exported for human consumption and for use as zoo and other animal food.

Valley Meat Co. of Roswell, N.M., has been at the fore of the fight, pushing for more than a year for permission to convert its cattle plant into a horse slaughterhouse.

The Department of Agriculture in June gave the company the go-ahead to begin slaughtering horses. USDA officials said they were legally obligated to issue the permits, even though the Obama administration opposes horse slaughter and is seeking to reinstate a congressional ban that was lifted in 2011.

Another permit was approved a few days later for

Responsible Transportation in Sigourney, Iowa.

The move has divided horse rescue and animal welfare groups, ranchers, politicians and Indian tribes about what is the most humane way to deal with the country's horse overpopulation.

Some Native American tribes, including the Warm Springs, Yakama and Navajo nations, are among those who are pushing to let the companies open.

They say the exploding horse populations on their reservations are trampling and overgrazing rangelands, decimating forage resources for cattle and causing widespread environmental damage.

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N.A. Affairs begins implementing initiative

Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell last week convened the inaugural meeting of the White House Council on Native American Affairs.

This event launched President Obama's national policy initiative to make federal agencies work more collaboratively and effectively with federally recognized tribes to advance their vital economic and social priorities.

"Today's meeting underscores President Obama's commitment to build effective partnerships with American Indian and Alaska Native communities and make

the federal government work more efficiently to find solutions to the challenges facing Indian Country," said Jewell.

"I am honored to play a role in the President's initiative to maximize federal efforts to support the tribes as they tackle pressing issues, such as educational achievement and economic development. The federal government's unique trust relationship with tribes as well as the nation's legal and treaty obligations call for a priority effort to promote prosperous and resilient communities."

Last week's discussions focused on initial efforts to

implement Pres. Obama's executive order that established the White House Council on Native American Affairs.

Joining Secretary Jewell at the White House meeting were Senior Advisor to the President Valerie Jarrett, White House Domestic Policy Director Cecilia Muñoz, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, Labor Secretary Thomas Perez, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, and Education Secretary Arne Duncan.