

Outdoor Market

The Warm Springs Outdoor Market happens every Friday on the campus park area, starting around 10 a.m.

Eraina Palmer (right) was among the vendors at the most recent Outdoor Market.

For information on becoming a vendor at the market, please call 541-553-3148 during regular business hours, and ask for Val or Patricia.

Community Action Team is also looking for people interested in learning how to grow organic vegetables for selling at the Outdoor Market next season. Val and Pat can provide information on this program.



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Museum looking to resolve water issue

The Museum at Warm Springs is hoping a new well will resolve a water supply matter at the museum.

The Utilities Department is scheduled to begin drilling the well on August 26, said Carol Leone, museum director. The well location is on the far west side of the museum grounds.

The museum was built over 20 years ago. The original museum design called for using creek water for operation of

the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system, and for irrigation.

Over time, as the configuration of the creek has changed—due to debris build-up, flooding, etc.—the original system has become unworkable.

Because of supply, the tribal municipal water supply should not be used for the HVAC and irrigation at the museum; so the solution is to drill a well, funding is through the tribal capital funds.

ECE closure for preparation

Warm Springs Early Childhood Education Center will be closed Thursday and Friday, August 22-23, plus the entire week of August 26.

The closure is for pre-service training to prepare for

a new year.

Contact Jodi Begay at 541-553-3242 if parents or community partners are interested in participating in the training. Limited slots are available.

Feral horse matter at Tribal Council

The feral horse issue came up at Tribal Council last week and again this week.

Natural Resources Branch General Manager Bobby Brunoe, Range and Ag manager Jason Smith, and tribal attorney John Ogan updated Council on the situation regarding the New Mexico company that is attempting to resume a horse slaughter operation.

The Navajo Nation faces the largest feral horse problem, with an estimated 60,000 unclaimed horses roaming the drought-stricken range. The Yakama Nation has an estimated 15,000 horses on its reservation; and Warm Springs has about 5,000 to 7,000. The horses destroy the range, damaging

fish and wildlife habitat.

The federal government blocked horse slaughtering operations several years ago, leading to a growth in the feral horse populations on reservations. The BLM receives about \$178 million per year to manage the unclaimed horse problem on BLM land, while the tribes receive no funding.

The slaughtering operations created a market for the unclaimed horses, as the meat was able to be sold overseas, for instance.

A company in New Mexico was prepared recently to begin a horse slaughter operation, but the Humane Society filed suit to block the operation, at least temporarily.

A question was whether Warm Springs should join the lawsuit in some capacity, as a tribal interest is involved.

The tribes could participate in the New Mexico lawsuit by filing a brief helping to explain the feral horse problem on reservations. Or the tribes could agree to provide Natural Resources information at the request of the parties involved in the suit. Ogan said the Humane

Society lawsuit will likely not be the final resolution of the matter, as it is a political question that ultimately will be determined by Congress and the President.

After consideration of the matter, Tribal Council voted to submit a legal brief in support of the Yakama position, explaining the Warm Springs position on the feral horse issue.

— Dave McMechan

New paint at Power and Water

The Warm Springs Power and Water building received a new coat of paint recently. The enterprise used the Vets handy-

man services for the work, and the project turned out great, said Jim Manion, Power and Water general manager.

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BPA updates Council on fish, lamprey work

The Tribal Council met with representatives of the Bonneville Power Administration last week, for a review of recent accomplishments.

Lori Bodi, BPA vice president of environment, fish and wildlife, reviewed accomplishments from 2008 to the present, including:

Chinook production, habitat restoration, fish passage and access, wildlife mitigation, natural production monitoring and pacific lamprey monitoring.

Regarding Chinook, Bodi said the Hood River facility has released 150,000 smolts annually.

Habitat restoration work includes 17.2 miles of channel restoration in the Deschutes, John Day and Hood river basins. Annually, about 78 miles of spawning and rearing habitat are protected, enhanced and maintained, Bodi said.

Seventy-eight passage barriers have been removed, providing access to 374 miles of new habitat, Bodi said.

Wildlife mitigation has included 500 acres of improved habitat; with a plan to protect an additional 4,500 acres of wildlife habitat through the Spring Basin

exchange.

BPA is monitoring Pacific lamprey in the Deschutes, Willamette, and the Fifteen-Mile/Hood rivers. Since removal of the Powerdale dam, Bodi said, the lamprey project has documented juvenile lamprey in the Hood River system.

Fish and lamprey projects are made pursuant to the Columbia Fish Accords, which the Columbia tribes and ten federal agencies signed in 2008. Five years in to the plan, Bodi said, there are significant improvements to report.

Juvenile fish passage is improved at the Snake and Columbia River dams, she said. "Survival through the hydro system has been significantly improved primarily due to surface passage and spill." Survival rates at the dams are on average above 95 percent, according to studies.

Tribal Councilman Reuben Henry said the tribes have been waiting many years for land at the river to compensate for the land lost to the hydro projects. "Our families are from there and we want to move back," he said.

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