

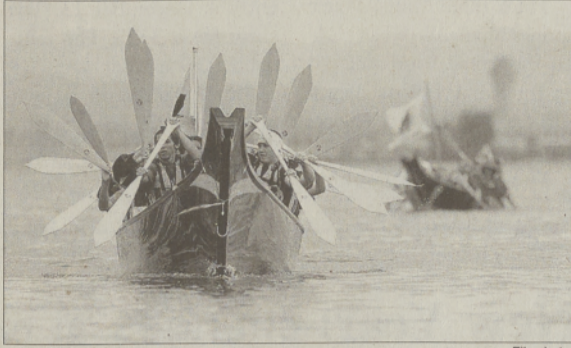
Storytelling project, dinner this evening

A community dinner and storytelling with the Canoe Family is set for this Wednesday evening, Dec. 11 at the Agency Longhouse.

Everyone is invited. Dinner will begin at 5 p.m., storytelling starting at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your own chair for the storytelling session.

The dinner and storytelling are sponsored by the Oregon Health Authority, the state Office of Equity and Inclusion, and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Head cook will be Myra J. Orange. The event is organized by Jolene Estimo Pitt, Health and Human Services



Canoe Family on Journey.

communications and community planner.

The Canoe Family will begin gathering at the longhouse in the afternoon. There will

be a meet and greet with the family starting around 4:30 p.m.

The evening will include a presentation by the Canoe

Family.

The focus of this gathering is community health. This is an introduction to the storytelling project, which will continue in January and February.

Event organizers would like to have youth and other artists provide a mural that captures the stories, activities and ideas of stories.

The information will help the tribes and Health Authority to identify community definitions of health, culture, strengths and community assets. For more information on this project call 541-615-0141.

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Ford Institute leadership program returning to county

This Spring the Ford Institute for Community Building will return to Jefferson County. This will be the fourth Leadership Program class.

The Ford Institute for Community Building promotes vitality in rural communities as part of The Ford Family Foundation, based in Roseburg.

The Leadership Development training consists of 48 class hours held over four Friday-Saturday sessions, spread out on a monthly basis.

The classes focus on developing the community leadership capacity of individuals. The Institute covers the cost of the program and materials, and provides food and

beverages. Participants are responsible for travel to and from the trainings.

The training emphasizes an interactive and facilitative style rather than lectures. It draws on the knowledge and skills of those in the room, augmented by the lessons in the curriculum.

A typical class consists of about 25 individuals—high school students to retired seniors—with leadership experience ranging from emerging to seasoned. This training is designed for a diverse mix of citizens representing business, government and non-profit sectors.

Curriculum concepts include:

Community capacity and social capital; personality

types and leadership styles; community development models. Also:

The Catalytic Leadership Model; asset mapping, group development; models for group decision-making; communication strategies, and volunteerism.

Each class selects a project that they work on together; for example, a local park improvement.

The project helps focus the course content on a real-world situation. The Institute provides up to a \$5,000 match in support of the project.

Participants are expected to volunteer outside the class to complete the project within one year.

Participants will be nomi-

nated for the Jefferson County Community Leadership Cohort 3 by past participants of previous cohorts.

Community members that are interested in finding out more about the Leadership Program or that are interested in nominating themselves or others for the cohort, should contact Peggy Boone at:

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Phone 541-678-3734.
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Phone 541-684-9077 ext. 2 for more information.

Weather disrupts some departments, schools

The tribal administration building was closed during the first part of the week, as there was no heat for the building.

Community Counseling had a similar problem on Monday but was back open

on Tuesday.

The Early Childhood Education Center had to close during the early part of the week because of broken water pipes and no heat in some rooms.

Meanwhile, the 509-J school district announced closures on Monday and Tuesday. Problems for the schools included broken water pipes, and also problems with some of the bus routes.

The fairly severe weather conditions arrived on Friday, Dec. 6. The snow storm prompted closure of all non-essential departments, and early release.

Klamath task force reaches water agreement

(AP) - Ranchers and the Klamath Tribes signed a tentative deal last week in Klamath Falls for sharing water in the drought-stricken Upper Klamath Basin.

The rest of a special task force on water issues were to join them Tuesday at the Oregon Institute of Technology to announce the 17-page agreement in principle.

Their goal is to reach a final agreement early next year that will guide legislation to be offered by U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden to break a logjam in Congress over

resolving Klamath water battles. Republicans in the House have blocked legislation to implement existing agreements to remove four dams from the Klamath River to help struggling salmon runs, restore environmental damage from a century of irrigation development in the Klamath Basin, and provide a higher level of certainty for farmers on a federal irrigation project straddling the Oregon-California border that has had to shut off services to conserve water for protected fish.

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