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## Canoe Journey to Bella Bella

The Warm Springs Canoe Family made an historic journey this summer.

The N'chi Wanapum family traveled to Bella Bella, British Columbia this July.

The Paddle to Bella Bella was the Fifth Annual, and longest of the Canoe Journeys for the Warm Springs family.

"It's a great learning experience," Jazmine Ike Lopez was saying recently. "You learn the old ways of your own tribe, and the ways of other tribes. You learn to work together as a family and a community."

Jazmine will be a senior this year at Madras High School. She traveled this summer with the Canoe Family, reporting along the way for KWSO, where she is working this summer.

This was Jazmine's fourth time traveling with the Canoe Family. One of her favorite memories from this journey is of the eagles and other wildlife around Bella Bella.

She saw more than 30 eagles in one spot. "There's even an island there, Eagle Island, where you can go and look for feath-



Photo courtesy of N'Chi Wanapum Canoe Family

Canoe families arrive at Bella Bella, British Columbia, greeted by the Heiltsuk Nation.

ers," Jazmine said. She found two eagle feathers. The family also saw blue whales during the journey.

The Warm Springs Canoe Family this year partnered with the Nisqually family, sharing a canoe. There were 14 pullers for Warm Springs, and 25 for Nisqually. The families camped out along the way.

This trip was much longer than previous journeys, taking about a month to complete.

This journey included crossing the U.S.-Canadian border, requiring each of the members to have a tribal identification card and birth certificate, or a passport.

N'Chi Wanapum first joined the

tribal Canoe Journey in 2010, when they paddled from Celilo to Neah Bay on the Olympic Peninsula. This journey took a week, and was an inspiration for the family to continue the experience.

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## Ways to improve water use

Only a few customers of the Warm Springs water system pay for the water they use.

These customers include the enterprises and local businesses. The Warm Springs K-8 Academy will be the newest paying customer on the system.

Most of the water users—the residential customers—pay no fee for water. This results in large wasting of domestic water, because there is no consequence for over-use.

A recent study shows that the average connection on the Warm Springs domestic water system uses many times more water than an average household: A typical household in the U.S. uses about 5,000 gallons of water a month; while the average in Warm Springs is 39,400 gallons.

The tribes spend close to \$1 million each year on the water and sewer systems. The money comes from the general fund.

The paying customers bring in about \$150,000; so there is a net expenditure each year from the general fund of about \$850,000 for the operation of the water/sewer systems.

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## Summer Night in Simnasho



Gary Randall Photography

Photographer Gary Randall captured this photo on the July evening of the Simnasho Hot Summer Nights Powwow.

by Gary Randall

The Hot Summer Nights Powwow this year in Simnasho turned out to be one to remember. That evening the skies opened up, changing

everyone's plans.

As a guest of Charles and Vicky Littleleaf, my girlfriend Darlene and I were honored with the use of their tipi for shelter during the event.

The weather was promising while Charles and I erected the lodge,

warm with a soft breeze. But shortly thereafter the weather took a turn in the opposite direction.

Dark blue grey clouds came in and consumed the encampment. Then came the wind, rain and hail one-inch in diameter.

Thunder and lightning arrived with an incredible frequency, flashing all around on every horizon. Several strikes came very close to us, yet I knew I had to try to get a photograph.

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## Carbon project progress

The team working on the carbon sequestration project is making steady progress. They received approval last week from Tribal Council to move on to the next phase of the plan.

This could lead to the actual marketing of carbon sequestration credits by this time next year.

There is a potential for significant revenue from the sale of the credits. And with this comes the need to plan carefully as to how this future revenue might be allocated, said Councilman Orvie Danzuka.

Carbon sequestration is a new market, not only for the tribes but for everyone. So there are questions that can only be answered through experience and over time. Meanwhile, care and attention to detail are needed in all aspects of the program, from implementation to eventual use of revenue, Danzuka said.

Councilman Danzuka works in the Natural Resources Branch, and is a member of the team working on carbon sequestration. "I think this could be a benefit to the tribes," he said. "I look at it as a win-win situation." There would be revenue, plus benefits to the reservation forest land, he said.

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