

# Sacred Hoop coming to W.S. in Sept.

September is National Recovery Month, and Warm Springs Prevention will be hosting events to mark the occasion.

Sacred Hoop will come to Warm Springs on Thursday, Sept. 3, at the Back to School Barbecue. And a Recovery Event is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 4, with guest speaker Carlos River, White Bison executive director.

**The Sacred Hoop of 100 Eagle Feathers:** In Black

Elk's vision, the Hoop of the World referred to the communities of Native people. In his vision he saw the Native people going through a long time of suffering, during which the hoop was broken. And then he saw that the people would begin to heal. The Elders have told us that we have now entered the time of hearing, and the "coming together time." The Sacred Hoop is the symbol of that time of healing.

The Mission of the Sacred Hoop: Healing individuals, families, communities and nations. The Hoop was built in a sweat lodge in May of 1995. A multicultural Elders gathering was held in Janesville, Wis., to provide prayers for the Hoop, and align its purpose to the coming healing time. The Elders placed the four gifts of Healing, Hope, Unity and Power to Forgive the Unforgivable into the Hoop.

When the Sacred Hoop comes to a community, the people gather for ceremonies and talks about living a sober and healthy life that is balanced emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually. Many communities have decided to begin a process of learning and planning that includes the building of a vision of wellness. For more information call Sarah at 541-553-2305; or email: sarah.wolfe@wstribe.org



**Countyline 2 blaze**

Crews respond to the Countyline 2 fire, which burned across 60,000 acres on the reservation. Two helicopters (one at right) were in service after invocation of the Conflagration Act.



Jayson Smith photos.



Community fire meeting (above), Sunday evening. The fire forced the closure of highways 26 and 3 (left).

## Fire: forecast looks good

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Warm Springs Fire Management made the first response, but the fires had soon spread to the point where the BIA called in assistance.

Crews from fire agencies in 17 cities and eight counties arrived. In time, two helicopters were in service on Countyline 2.

The response was just in time, as high winds were an initial major problem in battling the flames. Crews worked to save seven homes that were directly in the path of the fire on the flat.

Several neighborhoods were put on evacuation alert, and West Hills and Sunnyside residents had to evacuate.

For management purposes the fire was divided in two parts, with Highway 26 as the

separation line. Progress was good over the weekend, and the forecast remains favorable, said Scott Majors, of the state Fire Marshal's Office. By this coming weekend, he said, crews should have a good handle on the situation, though there is much work to be done.

At the Council meeting on Monday, resident Randy Smith commented that Natural Resources should consider restoring the burned-over land with plants that support wildlife. Bobby Brunoe said this will be considered.

Councilman Orvie Danzuka, of Forestry, reported that the fire had burned into several hundred acres of commercial timber, which may be salvaged.

Teeny Miller, Council office manager, commented that the fire crews did a great job in protecting homes in her neighborhood.

## BINGO for Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a BINGO fundraiser this Wednesday evening, August 19, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the community center social hall.

The event is a fundraiser to purchase supplies for gifts for those who attend the Auxiliary District, set for Kah-Nee-

Ta in 2016.

The Ladies Auxiliary is taking donations for BINGO items. Please drop donations off with Arlene Graham, LeMinnie Smith or Carol Sahme.

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## Back to School BBQ at Academy on Sept. 3

New teachers in the Jefferson County School District 509-J will start the new school year on August 24, with the one-week new teacher induction program. The other teachers and staff will back on September 2.

The Warm Springs Back to School Barbecue is coming up on September 3, at the Warm Springs Eagle Academy.

The first day of school for students in grades k-9 is September 9. At the high school grades 10 through 12, the first day is September 10. In a note

from this week's school board meeting:

The board hired a new band teacher for the high school, and a new district nurse.

The band leader at Madras High School will be Jared McFarlin, who previously taught band in grades k-12 in Montana. McFarlin became interested in the MHS job, as he wants to focus just on high school band.

The new district nurse, or district health service coordinator, is Brianna McFarlin, Jared's wife.

## Fall fishers to see benefits of salmon restoration

Tribal fishers will see the benefits of years of salmon recovery efforts when they take to the Columbia River for the 2015 fall chinook commercial fishery, according to a report from the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

If the run comes in as forecast, Indian fishers could be harvesting over 170,000 fall chinook, representing roughly 2.2 million pounds, according to CRITFC.

While sales have been open since summer, Monday of this week marked the beginning of the largest tribal fishery, allowing the public to purchase more salmon, steelhead, and coho directly from Indian fishers.

Sales to the public should last into October, with peak abundance from just before Labor Day through mid-September.

The majority of the tribal harvest is sold to wholesale fish dealers, and can be found in stores and restaurants around the Northwest.

Although regional fish populations have struggled

with high water temperatures, biologists estimate that the 2015 fall chinook return will be the third largest year in recent history.

The projection is that nearly 800,000 fall chinook entering the Columbia that are destined for areas upstream of Bonneville Dam.

Fishery managers are also predicting over 300,000 summer steelhead, 20,000 Snake River fall chinook and a healthy run nearly 200,000 coho.

"This year's forecast fall chinook return shows what we can accomplish when the entire region works together to rebuild, restore, and protect Columbia River salmon," said Kat Brigham, CRITFC chairwoman.

"After the low returns in the 1980s, it is a real testament to the power of partnerships. Thanks to decades of hard work, everyone, both tribal and non-tribal, is now able to bring fish home for their families and their communities.

The tribes are committed

## Carbon: upcoming milestones

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After this regulatory change, the total value of carbon credits generated by any project could be reduced by over 50 percent."

He gave a timeline of some of the upcoming objectives of the project:

The forest modeling is to be completed by September 14; and an internal review of the modeling by September 21.

On the same date will be the submission of the final offset project data report de-

tailoring the number of credits to be verified. Verification of the report would be in early to mid October, and a final approval of the audit would be in December.

Meanwhile, Ventures, Natural Resources and Tribal Council will work on establishing a sales and marketing strategy, developing policy and market analysis, and market training for staff.

The most important element will be the marketing on behalf of the tribes, and finding the buyer or buyers.

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