

More eclipse plans for August 21

Tribal youth, community members and guests are invited to join the Northwestern Earth and Sciences Pipeline for solar eclipse viewing on Monday, August 21.

The event will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Warm Springs Academy football field. There will be:

Free solar eclipse glasses; and solar eclipse viewing telescopes. Take your own photo of the sun; and ask an expert. Potential live streaming from balloon flights.

The schedule that follows is from Chief Operations Officer Alyssa Macy's most recent eclipse events update.

On the Monday of the eclipse, tribal teams will be launching high altitude balloons. The planned timeline looks like this:

8-9 a.m.: Teams prepare the high altitude balloons launch.

8:50-9:10: Launch first set of balloons

9:10-9:20: Launch second set of balloons.

Till 10: Views from the balloons cameras.

Northwestern Earth and Space Sciences Pipeline, the Confederated Tribes and Warm Springs Academy are partnering on this project.

The weekend events at the

Academy will also include a planetarium and student robotics competition.

Another item to note: Elmer Quinn will be available for camping, with RV parking at the Warm Springs Community. Expected attendance about 250. For information contact the chief operations at 541-553-3212.



Jayson Smith/Spilyay

The Simnasho community hosted the Summer Nights Powwow in July. This year the powwow celebrated its Fifteenth Anniversary.

CP Enterprise: funding plan

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Voting in favor, Councilwoman Carina Miller said, "The people have voted on this, and they want to get it moving." Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath also voted in favor.

Other Council discussion was in regard to details of Financial Strategies LLC. The limited liability aspect of the entity protects the tribes from any potential liability, as the LLC itself would be the only recourse, said tribal attorney Ellen

Grover.

Financial Strategies would be managed by a management committee comprised of the Secretary-Treasurer, the director of tribal Finance, and an individual tribal member appointed by Council.

The management committee will be in charge of direct approval of any loans that comply with the purpose of the LLC. The committee will provide an annual budget report to the tribes.

Horses: limited sales market

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Fish habitat and native plants also benefit from reduced horse numbers, as the animals forage through riparian areas, said Brad Houslet, tribal fisheries biologist.

Other benefits of the program have been employment and income opportunities for members, job skills building, and recognition by youth of the tribal horse culture, Jayson Smith said.

The horse removal program is funded through the settlement money the tribes received in a natural resources lawsuit against the federal government. The money was ear-marked for horse population control.

In 2006 the federal government stopped funding for horsemeat in-

spection. The effect was the closure of the few processing facilities in the U.S., leaving Canada and Mexico as the available markets.

At the Council update last week, Wasco Chief J.R. Smith Sr. asked what would happen if these markets were blocked.

The result could be devastation to the range habitat, as there would be no option for controlling the horse population, Bobby Brunoe said. "We do think about that, and it would be devastating," he said.

Meanwhile, there may be a chance at the federal level to reopen a domestic market, Mr. Smith. He is a member of the National Tribal Horse Coalition, and follows developments in the industry.

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