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Power Pull to Puyallup

The N'Chi Wanapum Canoe Family joined 119 other tribal canoes at the landing of the Power Paddle to Puyallup.

The Puyallup tribe greeted the canoes at the landing site in late July, followed by days of songs, feasts and cultural revival.

This year marked the first time in 20 years the Puyallup hosted the Canoe Journey landing. The 120-canoe landing was in the Medicine Creek Territory of Puget Sound.

The N'Chi Wanapum Canoe Family began nine years ago, when the tribes acquired the 36-foot canoe.

The Canoe Family made their first Journey the following year. The summer Paddle began in 1989 with just four canoes.



Photo courtesy Deb Stacona/MAWS

Tribal Council hears Kah-Nee-Ta options

Tribal Council this week met with the Kah-Nee-Ta board of directors and management, regarding the near and long-term future of the resort.

The board presented various options to Tribal Council, including a partial shut-down of the resort, a full closure, or transfer to an outside party.

The dilemma is that closure of the lodge would still require an annual expenditure by the tribes of several hundred thousand dollars. The expenditure would be required as the power would have to stay on at the resort, despite its being closed; and there would be need for security and ongoing maintenance, for instance.

As of earlier this week, there still had been no commitment from an outside party, said Jim Manion, board chairman.

The hope is to bring in an outside investor-management partner. The company AV Northwest continues working to find the necessary funding to take over Kah-Nee-Ta management, said Jim Manion, board director.

Meanwhile, other parties have expressed some interest in participating with the tribes—in various ways—regarding the resort, Mr. Manion said.

There are 170 employees this summer at Kah-Nee-Ta, and the potential loss of these jobs is a

major concern among tribal leaders. On the other hand, the resort has not operated at a profit, or break-even financial level for the past several years. In some other recent Council news:

Timber, carbon

The Warm Springs Timber LLC is experiencing a good year, as the market is good for the product. The expected dividend to the tribes at this point appears to be more than initially budgeted, said Secretary-Treasurer Michele Stacona.

During the timber discussion, Chief JR Smith said the dividend could have been even more if the sales had happened earlier in the year.

Instead of beginning in June, sales could have started in April, Chief Smith said. The delay was apparently the result of the coordination among the parties: Forestry and the Timber LLC. Elsewhere:

The tribes received good news about the carbon sequestration funding. The carbon project, involving Natural Resources-Forestry and carbon-offset credits to a California petroleum company, was initiated by Ventures and Tribal Council a few years ago.

The compensation to the tribes has been delayed for more than a year, but word is that the payment will be forthcoming possibly this month, Ms. Stacona said.

Hot Shots helping with Long Hollow fire

So far this summer, as of this week at least, the reservation has avoided the kinds of catastrophic fires that are burning in other parts of the Northwest, and especially in northern California.

The Warm Springs Hot Shots this week are helping with the Long Hollow fire near Dufur in Wasco County. This fire was about 35,000 acres earlier this week, approach-

ing containment.

This fire required the evacuation of residents living along the Deschutes River, and destroyed an historic railroad home dating back to the early 1900s. The smoky haze over the reservation this week was coming mainly from this blaze.

Before joining the teams fighting the Long Hollow fire, the Warm Springs Hot Shots were in South-

ern Oregon helping with fires that were burning in that area.

South of the Oregon border, around Redding in Shasta County, California, is the 100,000-acre Carr fire that has killed several people with more still missing. Tens of thousands of people had to evacuate, and more than 700 homes were destroyed.

Effort to save historic homes on Deschutes River

On tribal property across the Deschutes River from the reservation are a pair of houses of architectural and historic interest. These are the Wilson homes, built in the mid 1940s.

Robert Wilson operated the mill in the early years of the enterprise. He commissioned the construction of the houses, at the time located on private property. Robert Wilson lived in one of the houses, and his brother Charles in the other.

The significance of these structures is the architect: The Wilsons commissioned Pietro Belluschi to design the buildings.

Belluschi was an Italian architect who moved to Portland after the First World War. He became a leader in the Modern Movement in architecture during the mid Twentieth Century. The Wilson homes are prime examples of this style.

Belluschi designed these single-story flat-roofed buildings about the time he designed the renowned Commonwealth Building in Portland, one of the first glass box towers ever built.

Clearly, the Wilson homes are of historic and architectural significance. Unfortunately, the buildings are in need of improvement and renovation. The Robert Wilson

house in particular is in poor condition, with a leaky roof.

Chief operations officer Alyssa Macy, and Branch of Natural Resources general manager Bobby Brunoe have been in contact with the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office, hoping to find a means to save the Wilson homes. Portland architect Peter Meijer has also been talking with the Historic Preservation Office about the structures.

Jason Allen is an Historic Preservation Specialist with the Oregon Historic Preservation Office. Mr. Allen said his office is prepared to help nominate the Wilson homes as Historic Buildings.

As the buildings are on tribal trust land, the Historic Preservation Office would prepare the nomination and forward the information to the tribes, who could then submit the nomination to the National Park Service.

Listing the buildings as Historic would not in itself generate renovation funding, though listing would open the way to securing the needed funding. The most urgent work would be the roof of the Robert Wilson house. Being flat, the roof has been susceptible to damage due to snow and rain.

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FFA Livestock at County Fair



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Shain and Wesley Beymer show their prize market steers at the Jefferson County Fair.

Wesley and Shain Beymer showed market steers for the sixth year at the Jefferson County Fair.

They raised these steers at the 120-acre family farm on the reservation, where they have over 30 head of livestock. Their parents are Waylon and

Tiffany Beymer.

Shain and Wesley both go to Madras High School. Wesley is 18, and Shain 15. They are members of the Madras FFA. After high school Wesley is planning to go to diesel mechanic school in Phoenix, Arizona.

Their black angus market steers

at this year's fair weighed in at 1,315 pounds, and 1,234 pounds.

Wesley and Shain raised them on cracked corn, grain and grasses. They wish to thank the community supporters this year, and those from the previous fairs.

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