

# Canoe Journey: Paddle to Celilo 2023



Courtesy photo

Jefferson Greene (fourth from left) with Canoe Family.

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Other host tribes succeeded “in collaboration with surrounding communities and towns, and they succeeded in partnering and pursuing these types of opportunities year after year,” Jefferson said in his Council report. “It takes planning, persistence, optimism, consistency, relations and presentation.”

The N’chi Wanapum Canoe Family of Warm Springs began in 2009, when the Confederated Tribes and Management—atwai Jody Calica was Secretary-Treasurer at the time—purchased the 36-foot canoe. For-

mal dedication and naming was in 2010 at Indian Park, with sponsorship from the Museum at Warm Springs. Three-hundred and fifty people were on hand for the dedication.

Since the start of the program the family has been on the past 11 journeys, involving close to 400 participants, raising approximately \$350,000 to help cover expenses. The N’chi Wanapum mission and vision statements explain:

“The Warm Springs Canoe Project is for Native American youth of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation to connect, interact and bond with their adult community in a positive way inspiring and en-

couraging one another.

“The project is led by Native American youth of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation while adults and young adults serve as the advisors to encourage a sustainable and empowering project for generations to follow.”

And so far the project has been a success: This year twenty-three full-time participants—and another 35 supporters who joined along the way—made the Paddle to Lummi. Their community fundraising and Museum at Warm Springs helped cover the travel costs, with a grant through Health and Human Services.

As a way to help explain

the goal of the Canoe Family, Jefferson concludes with a brief tribal story:

“For thousands of years our people of the big river used canoes to travel up, down and across the river as part of our livelihoods. The canoes were carved from ancient cedar trees, or woven using tule reeds for navigating lakes and small bodies of water. In the midst of moving inland to the reservation... our people slowly began to lose touch with our ancient art in the canoes and the spiritual journeys within.”

The Paddle to Celilo 2023 will help to meet this challenge.

## More community notes...

Funderal arrangements for Bertson Simtustus are Private Dressing this Wednesday, September 11; Viewing and Services follow at 2 p.m. at the Madras Baptist Church, 85 NE A Street (across from the bowling alley). Open denomination.

Burial will be this Thursday, September 12, leaving Madras at 7 a.m. Go around Island Home in Simnasho, then to Wolfe Point Cemetery.

A Jefferson County Victims Assistance advocate comes to Warm Springs on the third Wednesday of every month at the Victims of Crime Services office located at 1108 Wasco Street.

You can get help with things like case assistance, paperwork, and other resources.

Appointments can also be made for other times. For information call Ken Clark 541-475-4452 or VOCS 553-2293.

A Jefferson County Veterans Service Outreach officer will be in Warm Springs at the Warm Springs Senior Center on the third Tuesday of each month.

Appointments are available for the morning by calling 541-475-5228.

Otherwise the Veterans Service Officer will be available to answer questions during and after the senior meal that day.

### Madras High School

**Football & Girls Basketball Fundraiser**  
**4-PERSON SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNEY**  
**@ Desert Peaks Golf Course**



**October 12, 2019**

10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Entry Fee: \$240.00 a team  
 (Checks Payable to Madras High School Football)

Entry includes: 18 Hole Green Fees, 2 Carts & Lunch

**Team Cart Reservations Required.** No walk-up carts will be available. Call Desert Peaks at 541-475-6368 for cart reservations.

Register by October 5

\$20 entry into KPs, Long Drive and Long Putt. Mulligans: 3 for \$10  
 Putting String: \$5 each; two per team, one string per 9 hole

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