

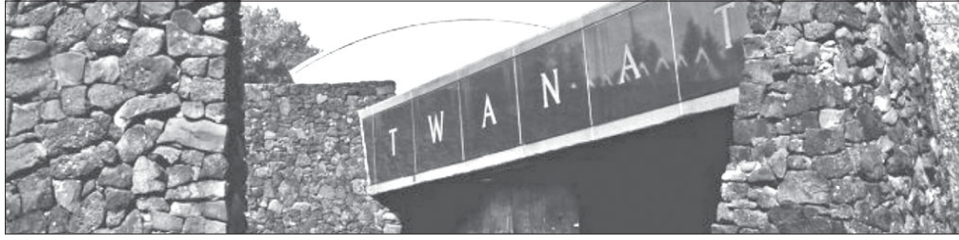
Museum seeks tribal artwork for Member Show

The Museum at Warm Springs will host the Twenty-Ninth Annual Tribal Member Adult and Youth Art Exhibit November 15. The show will be on display through early February 2023.

Artists can submit work up to 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 15. The application forms—for Adult and Youth—include the guidelines and contract. You can get a copy of the form at the museum, or see kws.org

For the exhibit the museum welcomes Contemporary, Traditional and Video art. Items will be displayed in the museum Changing Exhibits Gallery.

For adults, the museum recognizes the individual talents of each artist. These works will be considered by



a neutral judge. The Judges Choice categories include the Contemporary, Traditional and Video, including shot films and music videos. There will also be Honorable Mention awards.

“We’re anxiously awaiting your submissions, and are looking forward to your participation in making this exhibit a great success,” said Angela Smith, museum Curator and Exhibits coordinator.

For the youth, ages 17 years and younger, their artwork will not be judged. “I

ask that you encourage the young artists of your family to participate in the exhibit,” Ms. Smith said. “It would be fun to see artwork by the different family members.”

There will be a soft opening on October 15, when all the artwork be on display.

Due to continued health and safety concerns, there will not be an open reception, “though please continue to encourage your friends and family to enjoy the show,” Angela said.

If you have questions,

contact Ms. Smith at 541-553-3331, extension 412. Phone service has not been reliable, so you might try emailing her at: angela@museumatwarm-springs.com

Or stop by the museum and speak with her.

The Museum at Warm Springs is open Tuesday through Saturday 9a.m. to 5 p.m., closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. The museum is closed Sunday and Monday. The museum will present the exhibit *Faces of the Land* through this month.

Reservation wildfire protection at U.S. Senate

The U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is looking at legislation that would help protect the Warm Springs reservation from wildfire, and empower the tribes to restore cultural and forest resources on Mt. Hood.

The legislation is co-sponsored by Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley.

“This legislation is about honoring tribal treaty rights,

and making sure the deep knowledge of tribes is integral to any forest management plans on the mountain,” Sen. Wyden said.

Sen. Merkley commented, “The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs are the largest neighbor to the Mt. Hood National Forest, and have a unique interest in maintaining and protecting its cultural and ecological resources.

“This legislation is an important step in fulfilling our treaty and trust responsibilities to the Warm Springs community by creating a framework for them to take an active role in co-managing the forest and utilizing their knowledge and expertise to improve forest management.”

The bill is called the Wy’east Tribal Resources Restoration Act.

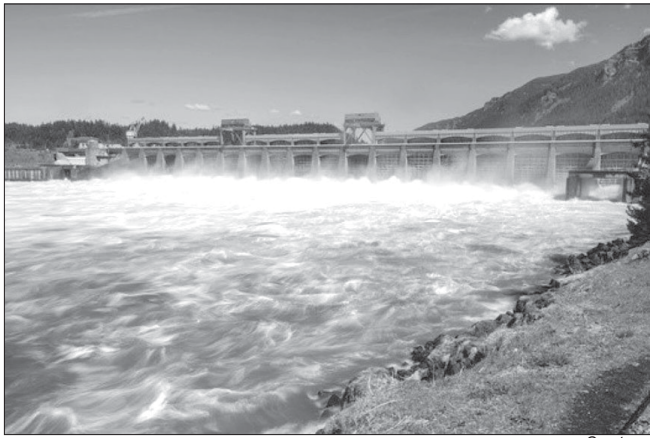
If enacted, the law would direct the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Forest Service to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Confederated Tribes, and develop a management strategy on parts of the Mt. Hood National Forest that incorporates the tribe’s traditional knowledge of the area and reduces wildfire risk.

Chemical cleanup work to begin on Columbia fishing site

A popular fishing site on the Columbia River for tribal members was listed last week as a Superfund site by the federal government.

Toxins near the Bonneville Dam, at a place called Bradford Island, prompted the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to put the area on the National Priority List in March.

The area near Bradford Island is described as “a toxic soup for resident



Bradford Island Superfund site to be cleaned up.

fish, with chemicals like PCBs among the most hazardous.”

The chemicals damage the river, the fish and other aquatic life, and can cause cancer in people. Testing has found the chemicals especially harmful to small children, fetuses and immune and thyroid-compromised persons.

Fishing continues at the site, making cleanup an immediately pressing issue.

Sacrificing sacred sites in the name of climate change

By Jeremy Takala, Yakama Nation; and Lauren Goldberg, Columbia Riverkeeper

Why should low-carbon projects be permitted to destroy legendary Native American sacred sites? Our elders witnessed the construction of The Dalles Dam that flooded and silenced Celilo Falls on the Columbia River.

The Goldendale pumped-storage hydroelectric project is proposed to benefit the state of Washington’s clean-energy portfolio.

The project site is situated on Pushpum—a sacred site to the Yakama Nation, a place where there is an abundance of traditional foods and medicines.

The developer’s footprint proposes excavation and trenching over identified Indigenous Traditional Cultural Properties, historic and archaeological resources and access to exercise ceremonial practices and treaty-gathering rights.

Notably, the project site covers the ancestral village site of the Willa-witz-pum Band and the Yakama fishing site called As’num, where Yakama tribal fishermen continue to practice their treaty-fishing rights.

Yakama Nation opposes the development. The devel-



Proposed site of the Goldendale pumped-storage hydroelectric project, an area sacred to the Yakama.

oper proposes two, approximately 60-acre reservoirs and associated energy infrastructure within the Columbia Hills near the John Day Dam and an existing wind turbine complex.

The majority of the nearly 700 acre site is undeveloped; the lower reservoir would be located on a portion of the former Columbia Gorge Aluminum smelter site.

The tribe’s treaty-reserved right to exercise gathering, fishing, ceremony and passing of traditions in the area of the proposed project has existed since time immemorial. The tribe studied mitigation; it is impossible at this site.

Columbia Riverkeeper, and more than a dozen other nonprofits, stand in solidarity with Yakama Nation and oppose the development: The climate crisis does not absolve our moral and ethi-

cal responsibilities. Tribal nations and environmental groups have worked tirelessly to stop fossil fuel developments and secure monumental climate legislation in the Pacific Northwest. But we refuse to support a sacrifice zone to continue to destroy Native American cultural and sacred sites.


Warm Springs Nation Little League
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 Tuesday, October 18th at 6:00 p.m.
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 Player Agents (Softball) Umpire in Chief Information Officer Equipment Manager
 Fundraiser Coordinator
If you have any questions or would like more information please contact: Edmund Francis at 541-325-3856

CRITFC grant for support services

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission received a Violence Against Women grant to continue providing victim and intervention services within the area served by CRITFC. “Native people who live and fish along the Columbia River face many social challenges, a situation that unfortunately is common throughout Indian Country,” said Aja DeCoteau, executive director of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

“This funding will allow us

to continue providing victims of sexual violence with essential supportive services and culturally-informed prevention programs that help support stronger, healthier, and safer communities.”

Oregon’s U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley last week announced the grant to CRITFC, as well as Violence Against Women funding to the Klamath and Siletz tribes.

In all the grants to tribes and tribal organizations in the state is \$1.6 million.


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