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Back to School BBQ next week

The Back to School Barbecue is coming up next Thursday, August 29 at the Warm Springs Academy.

The barbecue and resources fair, and new school year introductions will be from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Academy. Meanwhile, the school district again this year is providing most school supplies.

Here are some other important 509-J district dates coming up, as the start of school is just a couple of weeks away:

Wednesday, September 4: First day of school, grades 1-5, sixth-graders and ninth graders.

Thursday, September 5: First day of school, seventh- and eighth-graders, and grades 10-12.

Then on Monday, September will be late-start Monday.

The district has a late start to the school day every Monday in order to provide the teaching team members time for ongoing job-embedded professional development.

School will start 90 minutes later than usual on Mondays throughout the school year.

Late summer, fall fishery

The Four Columbia River treaty tribes have set a late summer-early fall season fishery plan, and the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission has concurred. This is for zone 6 tribal commercial gillnet fishing. There are no changes to current platform and hook and line regulations.

The fishery will be from the present through 6 p.m. this Thursday, August 22; from 6 a.m. on Monday, August 26 to 6 p.m. on Friday, August 30; and from 6 a.m. on September 2 to 6 p.m. on Friday, September 6.

Gear is set and drift gillnets with an 8-inch minimum mesh size restriction. Allowable sales are any species of salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp. These be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold; though sturgeon 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville pool, and sturgeon 43-54 inches in The Dalles and John Day pools may be kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed after the fishery closes are allowed to be sold.

Closed areas are the river mouth and the dam closed areas applicable to gillnet including the standard Spring Creek Hatchery Sanctuary.

Tributary fisheries are managed under separate limits from the mainstem fishery, and the above information does not affect the tributary fisheries. Please contact the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Branch of natural Resources for more details, at 541-553-3557.

Coming up this school year at Academy

The new school year at the Warm Springs Academy will include a new building addition, along Chukar Road toward the entrance of the Academy, with six classrooms and support rooms, additional parking and landscaping.

The addition will help alleviate the space issue the Academy has experienced almost since its opening in 2012. The addition project was made possible by the \$24 million school district bond measure that voters passed in 2021.

This school year also, the school district will provide school supplies for all students; so families do not need to purchase basic items for their students. The district will ensure the sup-

plies will be ready for the students by the first day of school.

They are requesting that students come to school with a backpack for any materials that need to be brought home, as well as a water bottle.

The school district is also providing the following information for kindergarten families, as they may have questions. The following should be helpful, so you know when to get your student to school:

Teacher calls: The week of August 26 the child's teacher will call to schedule a one-on-one meeting. During this conference, you'll discuss your child and receive important information, including their start date.

Start dates: Kindergarten students will start school on either

Thursday or Friday, September 5 or 6. Half of the students will begin on September 5, and the other half on the sixth. All students will be together starting Monday, September 9.

Backpacks provided: Every kindergarten student will receive a backpack at no cost from their school.

Class lists: Class lists will be posted at each school on Thursday, August 29 by 9 a.m.

Meanwhile and also recently, the Jefferson County School District 509-J is one of the recipient districts that will receive part of a federal \$7.8 million rural school district investment, as announced this month.

The money can be used for energy improvement projects like new



heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, lighting upgrades, alternative fuel vehicles, and renewable energy technologies.

School district 509-J is one of 11 districts to be awarded a part of the funding.

This Renew America's Schools Prize and Grant investment is funded through the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021.

Tribal perspective on Columbia River Treaty

The United States and Canada have reached a preliminary new deal to manage the Columbia River.

After six years of negotiations, the two nations have updated the 60-year-old Columbia River Treaty intended to fairly share benefits and risks associated the government management of the Columbia River. The deal must still be approved by the U.S. Senate.

A treaty was originally ratified in 1961, containing no real provisions regarding protection or restoration of damaged fisheries, such as for salmon and steelhead.

Negotiation toward the original treaty also did not involve tribal participation, thereby essentially excluding a tribal voice in its governance and implementation for the first 50 years of the treaty.

The renegotiated treaty does

attempt to take these factors into consideration, though some tribes say the fisheries and tribal treaty rights are not fully addressed. For instance, river treaty tribes have argued the modernized treaty should put the ecosystem health on the same level of importance as hydro-power and flood control.

Tribes have long wanted the Columbia to flow more like a natural river, instead of the series of reservoirs with slow-moving water that often heats up to temperatures that kill migrating fish.

U.S. and Canadian officials say the new agreement establishes a tribal-led body that will provide recommendations on how treaty operations can better support ecosystem needs.

However, the agreement focuses on revenue for the Bonneville Power Administration and power customers, while the salmon and Columbia River are

left with consideration that not adequate, some are saying.

The Columbia River's drainage basin is large, roughly the size of Texas; and includes parts of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Wyoming and British Columbia.

The river begins in Canada, then flows mostly in the United States, on its 1,243-mile route to the ocean.

From a financial perspective: The Columbia River and its tributaries provide 40 percent of U.S. hydropower, irrigate \$8 billion in agriculture products, and move 42 million tons of commercial cargo annually.

Negotiation to the original 1961 Columbia River Treaty started after a 1948 flood washed away the Oregon town of Vanport. This event led to the construction of Libby Dam in Montana, which flooded land in Canada, and three dams in British Columbia, com-

pleted between 1968 and 1973, that together more than doubled the amount of reservoir storage in the basin.

The new treaty agreement will reduce the amount of power the U.S. sends to Canada, but also will afford the U.S. less storage capacity in Canadian reservoirs to protect downstream communities in Washington and Oregon from floods. The deal allows Canada more opportunities to import and export hydropower into the U.S. market, apparently a benefit to both countries.

On the other hand: Currently, Canada is entitled to half the hydropower generated by dams in the river basin, which Canada mostly sells to U.S. interests. This was a point of debate during the negotiations, as the U.S. was seeking to reduce the Canadian power entitlement.

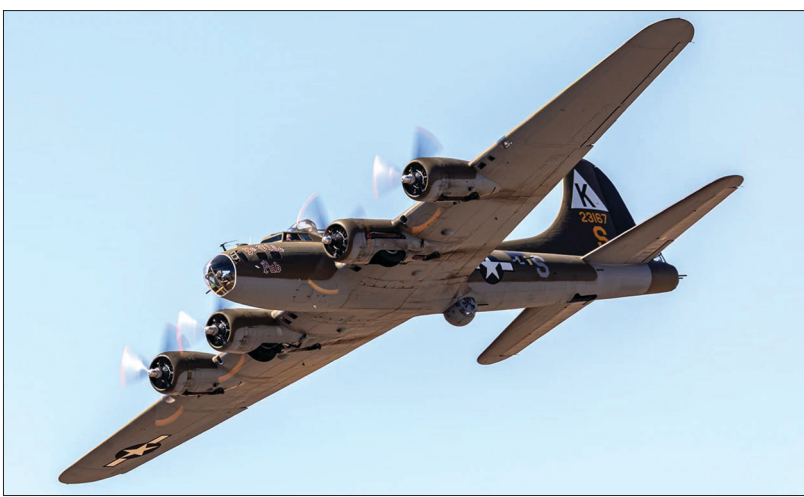
Airshow of the Cascades takes off this Friday

The Airshow of the Cascades festival is set to thrill and entertain this Friday and Saturday, August 23-24, at the Madras Airport.

The Army Golden Knights will be flying, and jets and thrilling aerial acrobatics. There is a huge food court, many vendors and live music, plus the Les Schwab Classic Car Show, the Pacific Power Fireworks show on Friday evening of the airshow. And a B-17 Flying Fortress will be on hand. There is also fee entry to the Erickson's Aircraft Museum at the airport.

Camping is available with an RV, trailer or tent.

Entry is free for veterans



The B-52 'Flying Fortress' will be part of the airshow.



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This is deeply discounted for the airshow. Rides will be offered at Madras on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning.

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and kids five and under. Tickets are now available online at: airshowofthecascades.com

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