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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Delphian School student Lochlan Scharpf reads "The Incredibles" to Nicholas Thayer, a Mawich class member, in the Tribal Library on Thursday, Feb. 6. Delphian students volunteer once a week to read to students from the Early Childhood Education classes as part of the Start Making A Reader Today program.

Tribe helps in delisting of Oregon chub as endangered

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Tribal efforts have helped get the Oregon chub, an inconspicuous silvery speckled minnow that inhabits the backwaters of the Willamette Valley, removed from the Endangered Species List.

State and federal officials announced on Thursday, Feb. 6, the Oregon chub will soon become the first fish removed from the federal government's list of endangered species.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist Paul Scheerer said "the success is a remarkable story of cooperation between landowners, non-profit organizations and state and federal agencies that got behind the effort decades ago to ensure the species would not become extinct."

In addition to the state Fish and Wildlife Department, Scheerer acknowledged efforts by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Forest Service, Oregon State Parks, the state Department of Transportation, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, municipalities, private landowners, watershed councils, the McKenzie River Trust and others.

Oregon chub are small floodplain minnows that live in sloughs, swamps, beaver ponds and tributaries. These habitats were greatly reduced by the construction of Willamette River flood control dams, channelization of the river for navigation, draining of wetlands for agriculture and development, and are prime habitats for nonnative game fish, such as bass and bluegill, which prey on the chub.

The chub was listed as endangered in 1993 when only eight populations totaling fewer than 1,000 fish were known to exist. It was promoted to threatened status in 2010. Twenty-one years after the initial listing, there are more than 80 populations and more than 150,000 fish known to exist.

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Delphian students make great readers to pre-schoolers

By Ron Karten

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As many as 16 Delphian School students are reading to 47 children enrolled in the Tribal Education Department's pre-school classes.

As their required community project, mostly senior and junior students, but also including some from middle and elementary

grades, chose to be readers in the Tribe's SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) reading program.

"This seemed very fulfilling," said senior Jessup Jong, a South Korean native aspiring to study political science in college. He is the

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General Council briefed on TERO

New office will help Tribal members find jobs

By Dean Rhodes

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Tribal Employment Rights Office Director Greg Azure briefed the general membership on the early stages of imple-

menting the Tribe's Employment Rights Ordinance at the Feb. 2 General Council meeting held in

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Tribal Employment Rights Office Director Greg Azure, right, and Tribal Career Development Program Manager David DeHart listen to a question from a Tribal member during their presentation about enforcement of the new Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance at the Feb. 2 General Council meeting held in Grand Ronde.



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