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Terry Rudnick, Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) Youth Fishing Division said the department will host up to 15 kids fishing events this year around the state.

At Saturday's event in Don Morse Memorial Park, an

and the bait to catch a fish with. "We made up 300 rod and reels," said Dave Graybill, the Fishing Magician.

Kids were having a great time pulling in trout. Graybill and Rudnick were busy cleaning fish and teaching kids how to clean fish, and parents were wondering just what they were going to do with the catch.

The next Fishing Kids event will take place in Colfax at the Gilchrist Pond. For more information, contact the Whitman County 4H Club at (509) 397-6290.

More fishing information is available at the WDFW web site at www.wa.gov/wdfw. Click on fishing/shellfishing to find the latest fishing news and information.

Decisions delayed on Mill Bay Resort case

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After endless months of failed negotiations and jurisdiction changes, the fight for the Mill Bay Resort has returned to Chelan County Superior Court. At a June 4 hearing, the opening shots in the final battle for the lakefront property were fired. The case against Chief Evans Incorporated was certified as a class-action suit and one of CEI's motions was struck down. A flurry of additional motions filed by the defense delayed more significant decisions until a June 27 hearing.

This land dispute is now over two years old. In 2001, CEI moved to shut down the Mill Bay Resort, claiming fiscal insolvency but furnishing no significant proof thereof. The Mill Bay Resort members, many with decades of membership still contractually guaranteed to them, moved to block CEI's actions. Chief Evans Incorporated has been attempting to leverage their way out of their obligations ever since.

The case was going to be heard in Chelan County at first. CEI

contended that due to the Mill Bay Resort's location on Indian Trust Land, the Colville Tribal Court had the true jurisdiction. The Colville Tribal Court disagreed and tossed the case out. Again, the matter was due to be heard in Chelan County Superior Court. CEI offered to enter negotiations with the Mill Bay Resort members to keep the case from going to trial. The members agreed and for a time, an amicable end to the contention seemed to be in sight. Throughout this period, CEI made several attempts to close the park that were quashed by legal decrees. During the negotiations, the park was reopened.

These negotiations broke down over a disagreement concerning just what each side had agreed to provide to keep the talks open. The members agreed to cover the costs of operating the park and required a complete list of members and their status to generate this revenue. CEI attorney Mike Arch agreed to provide this information to the members but the information was never provided. What the members did receive was a

bill for \$125,350.90, a sum that included the monies they had agreed to pay lumped with CEI's unpaid bills, employee wages, taxes and land lease expenses, none of which the members had ever indicated they would cover. The bill arrived two days before it was due to be paid.

Citing failure on the members' part to hold up their end of negotiations, CEI pulled out of talks and shut the park down once more. Then they made another attempt to remove the case from Chelan County, this time claiming a federal judge in Spokane had the authority to decide upon the dispute. U.S. Federal Judge William Nielsen disagreed and sent the case back to Chelan County Superior Court. He also ordered that the Mill Bay Resort be reopened and made available to members.

On May 28, CEI filed four motions with the Chelan County Superior Court. Three of the four are aimed at reducing the relevance of RCW 19.105.300, a camping resort act with stiff consumer protection measures. This law is cited in several of the

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the Development Program. "Amanda is the kind of person we need to set goals and bring the facility up to the first-class standards we expect," Swindell indicated. As director, Ballou will be responsible for oversight of property management, personnel administration and the provision of residential services.

production at the end of the week. Cost will be \$20 - \$40, depending on the age of the child. Call Jeanne at 682-8478 or Cheryl at 679-0882 for more information. CVP rounds out the month with a show at Riverwalk Pavilion on each of the three remaining Monday nights. Hot August Nights will feature CVP providing various entertainment acts, as well as an open mike. More information on these activities will be available later in the summer. Anyone interested in becoming a member of Chelan Valley Players may contact Cal Vaughn at 682-5966.

ing its staff to help fill openings instead of hiring. "We have hired a new vocational teacher and kindergarten teacher," he said. School Calendar: The 2003/2004 school year will begin September 8, which is a week after Labor Day. "The reason for the late start is because

The lab will continue to hire teachers from kindergarten to 8th grade in better mathematics teaching techniques. "All of our teachers will be trained." Because of the late start, school won't end until June 17, 2004.

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plaintiff's filings. The fourth was meant to make the resort members particularize their claims of fraud against CEI.

Over 100 Mill Bay Resort Members attended the June 4 hearing. All available seating was filled by the members, including the seats reserved for juries. Judge John Bridges dismissed CEI's motion for the particularization of the fraud claim, saying the court already had enough information regarding CEI's alleged misdeeds. The Mill Bay Resort members were certified as a class, meaning all legal proceedings will now involve all of them. Since notice must now be sent to all the members, CEI will finally have to provide a complete membership manifest. The membership committee had located most of the members already, but the information provided by CEI will complete the data already gathered.

The Mill Bay Resort members had hoped for two other things at this hearing. They sought a

permanent restraining order to keep the park open and a receiver to be appointed to the park's financial matters. Both of these decisions were delayed until the next hearing on June 27. Judge Bridges wished to further educate himself on case history on the appointments of financial receivers. The current temporary restraining order preventing CEI from closing the park was extended until the date of the next hearing, when a more permanent decision is expected. CEI's motions concerning RCW 19.105.300 will also be considered in the interim.

In the meantime, the membership committee's attorney Jim Danielson means to get to the bottom of the fiscal insolvency claim that began this conflict. CEI accountant Jeff Webb has been subpoenaed to furnish the information supporting CEI's claim. At this time, the Mill Bay Resort is up and running with members performing the maintenance. At 8:30 on June 27, this case should take another step toward permanent resolution.

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