

It's all about healing

Horse race honors memory of champion horsewoman

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A healing horse race. It's the kind of thing arwai Eliza "Hotdog" Greene Redhouse would have appreciated.

Jim and Neda Wesley put together a three-quarter mile memorial race for Hotdog this year at the Wasco County Fairgrounds in Tygh Valley, after her untimely death on Labor Day weekend in 2001.

Hotdog passed on as she lived — loving horses.

They knew she was horse crazy when she was just a little girl.

Her biological father put her bareback on a quarter horse. Something spooked the horse and it ran off, clearing a two-foot gate, with the 3-year-old clinging to its mane. After the horse calmed down he returned with the little giggling girl. She had been laughing as if the runaway horse were the best thing that had ever happened to her.

Years later, doctors discovered Hotdog had a congenital heart defect. She went through three major operations to repair heart valves during her life.

"That heart is where it's going to stay and there's no way she's going to kill herself," doctors told Neda Wesley.

So they sent her to trick



Wesley Redhouse, son of the late Eliza Greene Redhouse, at the memorial horse race.

riding school.

After that, Hotdog worked all ends of the horse business, including training on several of the major tracks on the East and West coasts.

Once she called her mother

at 3 a.m. to let her know she was warming up her horses so she could trick ride for European royalty along the ocean beach.

Her favorite place, though, was the horse track at the Wasco

County Fairgrounds, where she began her racing career.

It's fitting, the same track Hotdog enjoyed so much is the place where her parents gain so much healing after she's gone.

Youth summit focus: Mind, body and spirit

Warm Springs Victims of Crime will be sponsoring a summit for Native American youths, ages 12-18.

The summit is set for Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 27-28.

The second annual gathering will be focused on "Mind, Body and Spirit" and cultural values for Native youth.

Portions of the gathering will be gender specific in an effort to teach respect, relationship building and lifting the spirit of reservation youth.

Keynote instructors are Mitch Wisecarver, a long-time law enforcement officer in Indian Country; and Savenia Falquist, a prevention specialist with the

Jefferson County Juvenile Department.

Activities will include a rafting trip on the Deschutes River, spending the night in teepees, and a traditional meal prepared by elders at the Agency Longhouse.

During the stay students will learn the traditional meaning of water in nature and the world. Stories will be told around the campfire along with explanations of the spiritual nature of food.

At the closing a traditional meal will be served. Parents are invited.

For more information contact the Victims of Crime at 553-2293

Attendance

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The federal No Child Left Behind Act establishes "adequate yearly progress" (AYP) standards to determine whether schools are improving year by year.

If a school continues not to meet the standards, then parents may have a choice of sending their children to a different public school, or of receiving supplemental services like tutoring or after-school programs.

Only two of the six schools in the 509-J district met all AYP standards. These schools were Metolius Elementary School and Westside Elementary School.

Madras High School met the standard for rate of graduation: the MHS graduation rate was 77.69 percent, above the target AYP standard of 68.1 percent.

However, the high school was below the AYP standard in reading, English and math.

Jefferson County Middle School was below the standards in all areas, including attendance, math and reading.

Focus of conference is abuse prevention

Four staff and one volunteer from Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services, along with one parole and probation officer recently attended a conference in Portland on the problem domestic and sexual violence.

A highlight of the conference was a dynamic closing by Cecilia Fire Thunder.

In her closing, Fire Thunder said she has grown to have compassion for the offenders.

This is key to ending violence, she said. Many men act out in violence due to pain that

they either deny or have buried. Behind anger is pain.

It is important that the pain is acknowledged and dealt with, said Fire Thunder. Her advice: Seek help from a friend, counselor, pastor or family member, or anyone else you can trust.

Do not allow shame or anger to be passed down to your children, said Fire Thunder. Deal with it now before it is too late.

Another highlight of the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic/Sexual Violence was the Silent Witness Presentation and

Candle Lighting Ceremony. Stalking and harassment were the beginning phases of many of these murders.

Education is a must: We must educate our community, not only for the women and children's safety, but also for the men who may not be aware of their own capability when they are in a rage.

Alcohol and/or drugs play a key role in sexual assaults in Warm Springs, according to a release by the Victims of Crime

Services (VOCS) office.

A message from VOCS to the young ladies of the reservation: Please remain with trusted friends at all times. Never get in to a vehicle or go into a house with people that you do not know. If you need a ride, call a family member, a friend or the police. But always remember, if you are sexually assaulted, you are not to blame.

The VOCS statement continues: It is important that we each be accountable for our own wrongdoings. Truth must come

before we can expect justice. If we cannot be accountable for our wrongs, we cannot heal.

If we cannot heal, the cycle will continue and more of our own people will be hurt. For more information, call Victims of Crime Services at 553-2293. In case of an emergency after 5 p.m. and on weekends you may call 553-1171 for the on-call advocate. VOCS staff look forward to seeing community members at the upcoming groundbreaking ceremony for the Circle of Life Transitional Housing.

Softball clinic is Sept. 13

A softball clinic is set for Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Madras High School varsity field.

The clinic will focus on slap, push and bunting, and is open to youth ages 8 to 16.

Those interested should bring their own mitt and helmet. The clinic will be from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person.

This is a fundraiser for new high school suits.

Call Dick Souers for registration forms, 475-6355.

New school: some changes since 2001 referendum

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While the campus area has its supporters, so does the site by the Early Childhood Education Center.

The site by ECE "was what the whole referendum campaign and vote were about (in 2001)," said Julie Quaid, director of Warm Springs Essential Education.

"People voted on this twice, with the understanding that the new school would be here by ECE," said Quaid.

A modern infrastructure — the roadway, water lines, etc. — already exists at ECE, while the

infrastructure at the campus area is older, said Quaid. Rather than new infrastructure, the money would be best spent on the actual school buildings, she said.

Having the new elementary school by ECE would also create a campus area centrally located and convenient for parents, said Quaid.

"There are many reasons why this site was named in the first place," she said. "This was talked about in public meetings before the vote."

Besides infrastructure, another drawback of the campus

site, she said, is its location along Highway 26. "Just because the kids are used to noisy trucks going by does not mean it's okay," said Quaid.

Some other factors

The tribal membership voted in the summer of 2001 to approve funding for a new elementary school. The tribes and the school district will be partners in paying for the project, which may cost up to \$8 million.

There were two referendums in 2001 on the school proposal. The first vote failed for lack of ballot returns. The second vote

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was strongly in favor of building a new K-5 school: the vote was 655 yes to 157 no.

At the time the idea was that the school would be built by ECE, although the referendum does not specify a location. Since the time of the vote, some things have happened to cause some

people to reconsider to best location for the new school.

The most dramatic event was the destruction by fire late last year of the elementary school gymnasium.

The fire insurance policy will pay over \$1 million for reconstruction. Some tribal members believe a new gym should be built on the site of the old one, while others believe the insurance money should go toward a gym at a different site, such as near ECE.

Another factor since the 2001 referendum is the increasingly difficult budget situation

of both the school district and the Confederated Tribes.

While members discuss the issue of location of the new school, the tribal and school district negotiating parties are closing in on a final funding agreement. Sanders said the two sides are just a few meetings away from reaching a final agreement.

The next step would be the design phase, including public input. Actual construction may take between 18 months and two years.

So it may be three years before the new school is actually open to students.

Rodeo: Smith team first began 20 years ago

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Heaps of horse sense, top-flight physical conditioning and a short ton of road food are part of what keeps Jason Smith in the rarefied air of rodeo with eight National Championship buckles.

His rest comes from his fans at home — a family that loves and supports him. Without them none of it would happen.

Jason Smith is entirely too aware that rodeo schedules keep him away at crucial family times, and his daughters are growing up quickly.

That's why when he heads to the next rodeo and pulls out of

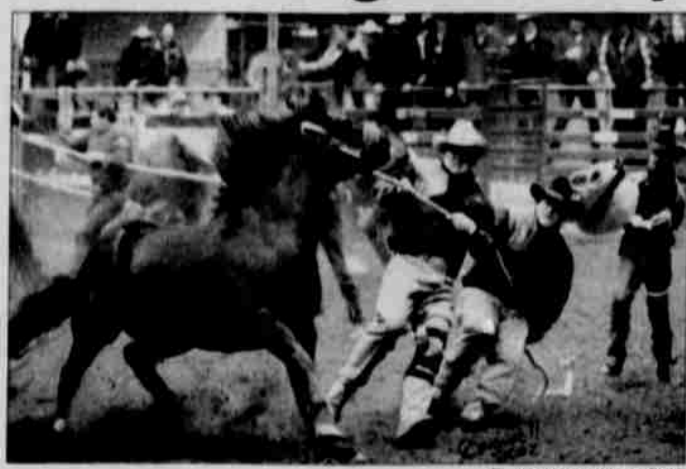
the driveway, he's thinking:

"These days I can't wait to get back, I'm hoping that I'll have a good safe trip and my family will be okay when I get here."

Talkin' trash

Smith's first PRCA rodeo was in Ellensburg, Wash. It was 1983 when he, his brother and uncle — complete unknowns on the Columbia River circuit — entered the wild horse race.

His competition was strong. They were up against some of the top names in the business. Nobody expected much from the new kids in town.



Smith wild horse race team in action

That didn't stop the trash talk.

Old timers would work their way around behind the chutes saying 'Hi' to friends and exchanging rodeo gossip. When

they came to the Smith team, they'd give them a friendly 'Hello' and introduce themselves. Each time, before they moved on, they'd mention something about being careful because 'this horse strikes' or 'that horse kicks.'

The Smith team would give the old hand a big smile and say, "We like 'em like that."

Before the day was over, the Smith team had taken two first place purses. They had a taste of professional rodeo. They liked the flavor and wanted more — a lot more.

The Smith team put their heads together that night and

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decided they weren't going to stick to the Pacific Northwest anymore.

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It feels good when you're young and strong and the world is laid out like a banquet table before you. Jason Smith wanted to do some serious tasting.