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Flu shots severely rationed

For the first time in about a decade, flu shots are not available for the general public of the reservation.

The shots have been available only to people whose health is categorized as high-risk. These people include the elderly age 65 and older; children between 6 and 23 months; adults and children with chronic health conditions; and women who are pregnant during the flu season (November through March).

"We've used the vaccine according to the CDC guidelines," said nurse Diana Howell, of Warm Springs Indian Health Services clinic.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines have to be followed in distribution of the vaccine, or the agency can levy a fine against the offending health-service provider.

Howell said the clinic had only about 350 doses of the vaccine. "We've never had to ration like this in the ten years I've been here," she said.

The shortage of the flu vaccine happened because one of the two manufacturers of the vaccine declared their supply to be contaminated.

For those who are unable to receive a flu shot, the best way to avoid catching the disease is to wash your hands frequently.

Spread of the flu can be reduced by covering your mouth when you sneeze or cough.

Museum to unveil veterans memorial

This Veterans Day, the Museum at Warm Springs will unveil a plaque commemorating the service of veterans of the Korean War.

The unveiling ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. at the museum.

The plaque was presented to the Warm Springs community by the Lions Club. The club also planted trees at the museum as part of a national Korean War veterans recognition campaign.

The plaque is of bronze. Warm Springs Forest Products Industries provided a cedar log that the plaque has been set into.

Veterans Day this year is on Thursday, Nov. 11.

Lots of activities for Halloween

The Warm Springs Halloween Carnival begins at 6 p.m. on Halloween at the Community Center. The carnival this year includes a Freaky Fashion Show and Ghoulery Gong Show. If you have a booth for the carnival, set-up begins at 3 p.m.

Other Halloween activities this year include the popular employee costume contest, at 3 p.m., Friday, Oct. 29 in the lobby of the administration building.

Also on Friday, people are invited to hand out candy to children at the Early Childhood Education Center. Set-up will begin at 9:30 p.m. and the trick-or-treaters should be done by about 11.

If you plan to attend, call Kah-Nee-Ta Resort at 553-1112 to reserve a spot.

A Halloween costume party is set for Saturday night, Oct. 30 at Kah-Nee-Ta. Wear a costume and compete to win a night's stay at Kah-Nee-Ta, or dinner for two in the Chinook Dining Room. There will also be a dance to the sounds of DJ music. The party is from 9 p.m. till closing.

Local cowboy is All-Around champion

By Nat Shaw
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The name Bruised Head is synonymous with Indian rodeo. For three generations that name has been a household word among rodeo families in Indian Country. It has also struck fear into the hearts of many a good cowboy.

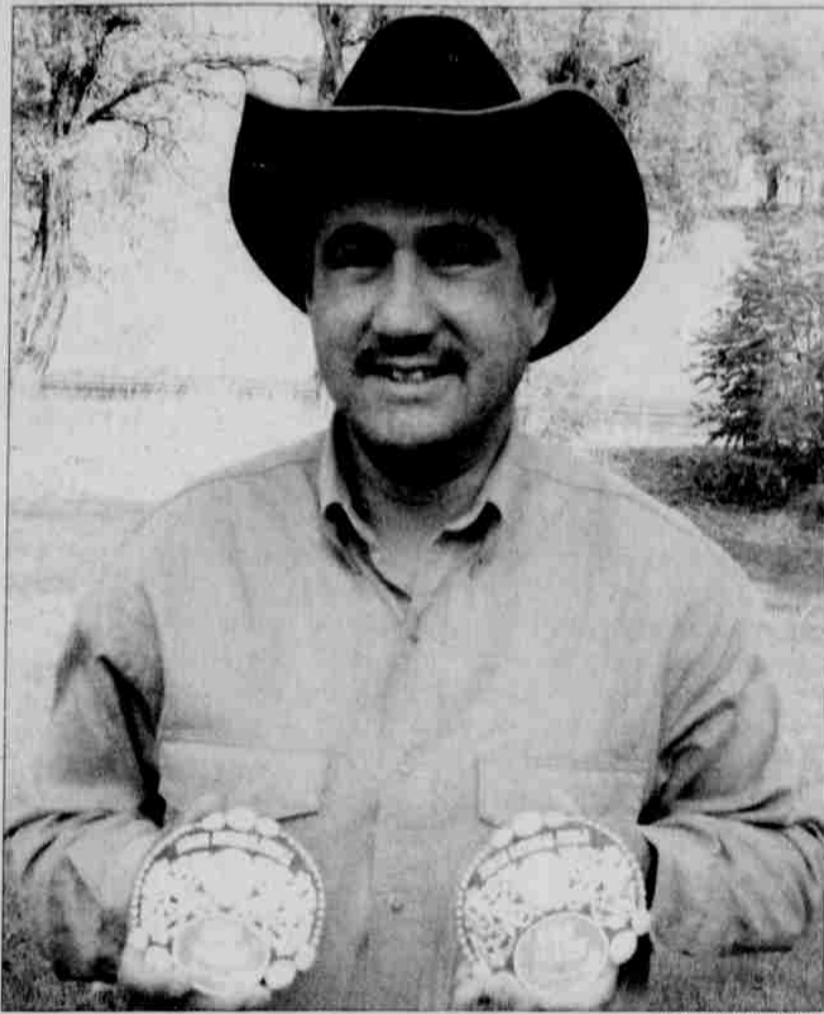
The Bruised Heads are many and when they ride into the rodeo arena you know they're bound to ride out with their share of the prize money.

The 2004 Indian All-Around World Champion cowboy and Indian World Champion Steer Wrestler has this royal rodeo blood flowing through his veins. He is Warm Springs cowboy Clint Bruised Head.

He won two of Indian rodeo's most coveted titles a couple of weeks ago in San Jacinto, Calif., where he and seven other members of the Bruised Head clan competed in the Indian National Finals Rodeo.

Clint won two beautiful sterling silver belt buckles encircled in turquoise and two fabulous handmade championship saddles. That was his fourteenth trip to the Indian National Finals.

Clint is not the first Bruised Head to win the Indian World Champion Steer Wrestler title. His oldest



Clint Bruised Head with buckles won at the Finals.

brother Wright accomplished the feat in 1986.

In the spirit of a true all-around

champion, Clint also won a go-round in calf roping and competed in saddle bronc riding at this year's finals, finish-

ing sixth.

Bruised Head stressed how important winning a go-round in calf roping was in contributing to his all around championship. Warm Springs cowboy Casey Green was slated to go to the finals in calf roping from the Columbia River Circuit, but was unable to go. Bruised Head, who had finished third in the Columbia River Circuit, took Casey's place at the finals, thus enabling him to clinch the all-around title.

Commenting on the grand tradition of the Bruised Head name, Clint said, "It all started with my grandfather Pete Bruised Head Sr. He was a champion saddle bronc rider and calf roper. He won both events at the Calgary Stampede and also competed in the chuck wagon race and the wild horse race. That was back in the wagon days when everybody used to ride to the rodeos."

He continued, "My father Pete Jr. grew up training horses for ranchers and farmers. He traveled all over Canada and the United States rodeoing. One time he and Casey Tibbs and Jim Shoulders rode for the Queen of England at the Cow Palace in San Francisco."

Four years ago, Clint's father was inducted into the Calgary Rodeo Hall of Fame.

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Tribal enterprise recognized as business success

The tribal enterprise GeoVisions was recognized recently for business development by the Madras-Jefferson County Chamber.

Long-time GeoVisions crew leader Easton Aguilar accepted the award on behalf of the enterprise at the Chamber of Commerce

awards banquet. The banquet this year was held at Kah-Nee-Ta.

In accepting the award, Aguilar commented that GeoVisions within just a couple of years has gone from having just a few employees to now having up to 40.

One of the main things that

GeoVisions does is provide support to fire agencies during wildfires.

The support involves specialized computer technology that tracks the course of the fires. The mapping allows the fire crews to know precisely where the fire lines are.

The GeoVisions mobile command

center has been on the scene of many fires over the past couple of years.

GeoVisions has also branched out into other fields, such as forestry management, and air-quality monitoring, among other diverse endeavors. The GeoVisions main office is at Warm Springs Forestry.



Construction crews place the large beams across the river at the new bridge by Kah-Nee-Ta.

New bridge to improve access to Kah-Nee-Ta

By Selena Boise
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Construction of the new Culpus Bridge over the Warm Springs River near Kah-Nee-Ta is moving forward at a steady pace.

Eight pre-cast concrete girders were recently placed on the two-lane bridge, which will set higher than the existing bridge.

The Construction Department, which is working on this project,

has applied for extensions to move the completion deadline.

The completion date was originally set for late summer or early fall. The materials are available for completion, but the process takes time.

The concrete girders are in place as of last week, and the road on each side of the bridge now is being filled to even up the road with the bridge. The bridge sets higher than the roadways, and the biggest factor in completion of the new

bridge is filling the road.

The Construction Department has a steady flow of traffic on the new Webster Flat Road, with at least five trucks daily carrying fill for this new road.

The bridge is the final stage of the Webster Flat Road project, which runs about four miles from Highway 3.

This new road, along with the bridge, will create better access to the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort. A few years ago this road

was dirt and gravel. The road has since been paved and widened, and the turns were made safe for traffic.

The existing bridge, which was built in 1957, will be left where it is. It is a narrow single-lane bridge, which stands at the end of Webster Flat Road.

The road to this existing bridge will be blocked off and used only by pedestrians and cyclists. It is not suitable for future increases in traffic, so vehicles will be kept off this bridge.

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