

Horse sale set at rodeo grounds

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People who buy horses or need a good horse for their farms might be surprised how suitable horses from the Warm Springs Reservation might be. Warm Springs hosts its third horse sale on the reservation at the Warm Springs Rodeo Grounds June 18.

"People from out of the area would find strong horses with heavy bones that will carry you all day long and then some," said Delvis Heath, Chief of the Warm Springs Tribe and a member of the committee arranging the sale. "They're better than mules."

Most of the horses that will be up for sale will be ones that roam and graze right on reservation land that were once owned but now are free. Occasionally, bad studs have been culled out of the herds, and better ones kept, to genetically improve them.

Jacob Frank, also a member of the sale committee, said the horses are strong

horses with stout bodies and heads.

"They'll last you a while," he said. "They know the country, they grew up on the range. They know how to survive on their own. They're not raised in a stall."

A total of 66 horses were sold during last year's sale, "and we'd like to get at least that many or more."

Tribal members from around the reservation with horses to sell are also invited to participate in the sale.

Free Coggins testing of the horses is offered to anyone interested in participating in the sale. The testing is performed June 13 and is recommended for anyone interested in making horses available for sale. For more information, contact either the Tribal Range and Agriculture Department at 553-2001, or Fara Currim at the Oregon State University Extension office, at 553-3228.

In addition to the sale, which begins with a preview of each horse by the tribal members selling, either in the saddle or by halter, at 10 a.m.

A performance by the Wasco Dance Group is at 11 a.m., with the sale following at noon.

Along with the horse sale, traditional arts and crafts and food will be sold. Vendors are encouraged to participate in the sale.

Frank said the kind of horses sold in the June 18 sale "aren't going to get blue ribbons, but they're good work horses, good for roping and chasing and working cattle," said Frank. "They're not that big. A thousand-pounder would be one of the bigger horses out there."

The aim of the sale on the reservation is to sell the horses for a better price than they might garner elsewhere. "A lot of wishful thinking goes into it," Frank said. "We don't really have anything set right yet. We can get a better price than we get at auction sales."

Horses from the reservation are usually sold for nominal prices, or "killer prices," as fodder for a glue factory.

"We hope to bring other than killer buyers," Frank said. "If we can bring in buyers who can take the horses home to break them, we can get a better price."

The killer prices are as low as six to 30 cents a pound.

In terms of rangeland, the reservation is divided into six districts. Three contributed to last year's horse sale, Frank said, and he hoped tribal members with horses from other districts might also contribute this year.

"We'll try to work with horse owners," he said. "We'll work them and see if there's anything they want to sell at the time."

The horse sale at Warm Springs started two years ago, Frank said, from the idea that tribal members could sell their horses on the reservation and perhaps get better prices and not have to rely on sale prices at auction yards elsewhere.

"I've worked horses most of my life, and I'm 70 years old," he said. "I'm familiar with sales and how they work. My interest in right now is getting the best horses to benefit owners of stock and (perhaps increasing) what we get by putting on a sale on reservation."

Columbia fisheries re-open for some species

The Columbia River treaty tribes last week re-opened the Zone 6 platform and hook-and-line subsistence fishery for some species.

Unfortunately, the harvest that was agreed upon for spring chinook has been reached, and this fishery remains closed, due to the low return.

The updated spring chinook run size is 82,400 upriver spring chinook at the river mouth. At this run size, the tribal spring chinook fishery is managed to a seven percent harvest rate. The recent action by the treaty tribes is as follows:

The platform/hook and line fishery reopens for the retention of shad, walleye, carp and bass in all of Zone 6. In addition, retention of steelhead is allowed

for dipnets, hoopnets and bagnets.

Hook-and-line gear shall consist of no heavier than 10-pound test line and no greater than four single-point hooks.

Dipnets, hoopnets and bagnets shall have a maximum mesh size of five inches. Fishers shall remain with net gear while fishing and must release any chinook immediately.

The closure for other species remains effective until midnight June 15. If you have any enforcement problems or need assistance or information, day or night, contact the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement Office in Hood River. The number is (541) 386-6363, or toll-free at 1-800-487-FISH (3473).

News from High Lookee

High Lookee Lodge, along with Carlson Farms, hosted the annual potato drive this month. Staff at the lodge passed out 100-pound bags of potatoes from 9 a.m. till noon on May 4.

A total of 3,000 pounds of potatoes were handed out. In other news from the lodge:

Look for flyers around the community announcing grand opening of a beauty salon at the lodge. Also, the sauna is open to tribal members from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Tribal members are invited to come any time for a tour. You can reach the lodge at 553-1182.

Lecture series continues

The Celilo Salmon and Smoke series continues at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 2 with the presentation, The Log Springs Fire: Last Summer's Ashes, This Summer's Hope.

Speakers will be Brian

Donahue and crew. This will be at High Lookee Lodge. Bring your lunch or you can reserve a lunch prepared by High Lookee staff, cost of \$3. Call 553-1182. Celilo Salmon and Smoke is a program of COCC Continuing Education.

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Velma Bean Holliday

Velma Bean Holliday of Warm Springs passed away on May 13, 2005. She was 81 years old.

Mrs. Holliday was born December 11, 1923 in Nevada to parents Benjamin and Pearl (Bean) Holliday. Mrs. Holliday came to Warm Springs in 1938 from Nevada. She worked as a matron for the Warm Springs Boarding House.

She is survived by her husband Sherman of Warm Springs; and children Rosemary Aly, Donny Holliday, Lyle Holliday, Gloria Warner, Gary Holliday, all of Warm Springs, and Ed Holliday of California; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her parents and a sister preceded her in death.

In Memory of Elliot Switzler

All Family and Friends
Saturday, May 28, 2005

8 a.m. at the Agency Longhouse - Stone unveiling and prayer services. 10 a.m. at the Warm Springs 1910 Indian Shaker Church. Shake hands and showing of pictures. 11 a.m. dinner. 1 p.m. giveaway. Light snacks available after. Anyone wanting to join in is welcome.

Memorial June 18 2005

Johnny Sampson and Margaret Sampson Culps Stone setting at 9 a.m. at the Yemowat Cemetery West of Union Gap, Wash. Giveaways and dinner following at Toppenish Creek Longhouse south of White Swan, Wash. All relatives and friends welcome to attend. For more information call Roy Culps weekdays 1:30 to 9 p.m. and weekends all day: (509) 945-0063.



Photo courtesy of Oliver Kirk

Tribal Natural Resources enforcement officers this week investigated a case of trespass and offensive littering on a road off U.S. 26 near the northwest border of the reservation. Oliver Kirk and Stanley Simustus of Natural Resources were at the scene Monday, to determine where the trash came from. Apparently, based on one item in the pile, someone from Clackamas County is responsible, said Kirk.

Lawmakers develop plan to target meth abuse

(AP) - Police officers sometimes find food stamp cards under a variety of names when they raid houses that have been used to make methamphetamine.

The ATM-like cards belong to meth users who trade them for the drug.

Under a bill in the Legislature, parole officers and other legal supervisors would be able to cut off food stamp benefits for anyone suspected of using their food stamps as payment for drugs.

Law enforcement officials say meth causes a whole range of problems - increased property crime, increased child abuse and neglect, a strain on county prosecutors, overflowing jails, overextended police and increased identity theft.

That's why Salem Police

Chief Walt Myers said the Legislature needs to agree on a plan - and provide funding - to fight meth.

"More officers, more jail facilities, there has to be more prosecutors. There has to be, and if that decision is not made, it will continue to worsen," Myers said.

"There needs to be money applied to the problem," Myers said.

But lawmakers have struggled this session to find cost-conscious ways to combat Oregon's growing meth problem.

Working with Gov. Ted Kulongoski, who made meth a top priority, Sen. Ginny Burdick, D-Portland, and Rep. Wayne Krieger, R-Gold Beach, say there's an emerging consensus to spend as much as \$20 million

- Make it a crime to expose children, elderly or disabled person to meth labs.

- Provide funding for programs that allow addicts to complete strict recovery programs instead of serve jail time in certain circumstances, and to fund in-jail recovery programs for serious offenders.

- Give parole officers and supervisors the authority to suspend food stamp benefits for meth users if it is suspected they are using the cards as payment for drugs.

One of the issues was how to protect children from parents' destructive drug habits - which often leads to abuse and neglect.

The majority of child abuse cases in the Department of Human Services now involve meth.

"That is, without a doubt,

something that's got all our hearts broken," said Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem. Courtney said cases have included children living in meth houses and babies born to drug-addicted mothers.

"We can't end this session without making a heck of a run at that," Courtney said.

The bills would create a crime of exposing children, elderly or disabled people to meth. They would also clarify the court's ability to change custody agreements based on drug convictions.

Both would help keep kids out of drug houses and away from parents who abuse meth.

Krieger and Burdick also said treatment programs are an important aspect of the state's fight against meth.

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