

Win at regional Silver Gloves tourney

TFT Boxing of Warm Springs attended the Silver Gloves Regional Tournament this past weekend in Hillsboro.

Boxing in the 80-pound 10-11 year-old division was Kywon Thompson, of TFT Boxing, facing Ruben Marquez of H-Town Eagles, from Helena, Mont.

From the opening bell of Round 1, both boxers took their time feeling each other out, trying to get into a rhythm. Only a handful of punches were thrown, and the first round was scored close to a tie.

In the second round, the action picked up. Thompson began to pressure Marquez, forcing him back.



Kywon with trophy.

Thompson landed a few more shots than Ruben, and took round 2.

When round 3 began, both boxers were warm and started to increase the punch count.

As they began to throw punches, they got into a head-to-head clinch several times.

As they came into clinch near the middle of the final round, Thompson threw a right hand uppercut to the midsection of Ruben, and nearly knocked him down.

Ruben stepped back, holding his midsection with both gloves and the ref began the standing 8-count.

When the count got to 8, Marquez signaled he was ready to box. As the action returned, Thompson pressured Marquez and was trying for a stoppage, but the bell

rang and ended the bout.

The final score of the bout was in favor of Thompson, who is now the Region 7, 80-pound Champion.

Thompson advances to the Ringside National Silver Glove Tournament, to be held in Kansas City, Missouri.

That tournament takes place Jan. 30-Feb. 1.

At that tournament he will face the top eight boxers in the 10-11 year-old 80-pound class from each region throughout the United States.

Winter energy cost help available

The Tribal Social Services Program has received the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program grant, and is taking applications for energy assistance.

You can contact their office at 541-553-3415 or

553-4952.

They have the applications and additional forms that are required. If you would like to have financial assistance with your energy bill, then stop in and pick up your forms and return them.

Warm Springs Telecom reminds customers who are part of the Tribal Connect Service that eligibility for the program requires recertification every six months.

Recertification is required by January 20. You can call 541-615-0555 or stop by the office for details. The office is at 4202 Holliday St., at the industrial park.

Gillnetters file court challenge

(AP) – Commercial fishermen turned to the Oregon Court of Appeals last week to challenge a recent change in the state's gillnet fishing rules.

In addition to a petition that asks the Oregon court to review the validity of the changes, a lawyer for the fishermen sent a letter to the Washington state Fish and Wildlife Commission, asking it to push back a gillnet rule change decision expected later this month.

A motion to stay enforcement of the new Oregon rules will be filed this month.

On Dec. 7, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission voted to ban the use of gillnets to catch fish on the main stem of the Columbia River, relegating the primary commercial-fishing tool to side channels and tributaries.

Washington's fish commission is expected to decide next week on similar rules. That could eliminate the centuries-old practice from both sides of the river.

The gillnet ban was pushed by Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber, who hoped to mediate a longstanding conflict between commercial and recreational fishermen while moving to new methods of commercial fishing. Recreational fishermen say gillnets

are harmful to the recovery of endangered salmon.

The proposal has infuriated commercial fishermen, who say it'll be impossible for them to earn a living by fishing only in the limited areas where they'll be allowed to use gillnets.

Last week's petition was filed against the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on behalf of Steve Fick and his company, Fishhawk Fisheries, as well as Jim Wells, a commercial gillnet fisherman and president of Salmon For All.

Oregon for generations has allowed gillnet fishing on the Columbia, the petition said, and it has given the consuming public a fair share of the salmon, sturgeon, smelt and shad caught in the river.

The new rules "effectively abolish that tradition and cause irreparable economic

devastation for these commercial fisheries and the coastal communities dependent on them," the petition said.

First used by Native American fishermen long before the Lewis and Clark expedition charted the Pacific Northwest, gillnets are still the primary method of commercial fishing on the Columbia. They snag fish by the gills, preventing them from breaking free.

Critics say the nets are cruel to fish and kill thousands of endangered salmon.

Fick said that the new rules would irreparably harm his business, which processes salmon caught by commercial gillnet fishermen.

"It would be a significant economic blow to my business to not have access to the Columbia River salmon," he said.

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