

# Indian National Finals Rodeo qualifiers going to Las Vegas

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Rodeo is truly a family tradition.

Father and son, Lee and Justin Tom, have qualified for the Indian Nationals Finals Rodeo this year.

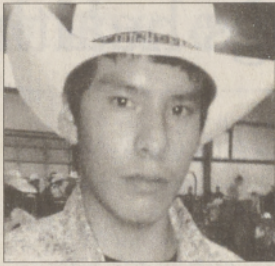
Lee will compete in the Senior Team Roping; and Justin in the Open Team Roping event.

Both Lee and Justin have qualified through the Tour, which is the accumulation of the top 10 contestants competing at various Tour Rodeos, held in the 13 nationally recognized regions.

Lee is roping with his partner Britt Givens of Riverton, Wyoming. Justin is roping with his partner, Terry Doka, of Fort McDowell, Ariz.

Lee's son-in-law Mike Holyan qualified in the Tie Down Calf Roping event.

Nephew-in-law Clinton Bruised Head qualified in the Steer Wrestling; and Lee's two



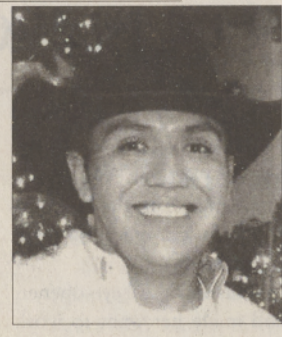
Benjamin Billey



Clint Bruised Head



Gavin Begay



Mike Holyan

grandsons, Benjamin Billey and Gavin Begay, have qualified in the Junior Bull Riding.

Rodeo has been in these families for many generations, and continues still.

Lee was a National Finals saddle bronc rider in his early years, who retired and turned to Team Roping to continue traveling to rodeos with his family and still compete.

This is the third year that Senior and Junior events have been incorporated into the National Finals Rodeo. Lee has qualified each year.

Mike Holyan is the Youth Diabetes Coordinator for the



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Lee Tom

tribes. He rodeos on weekends to maintain his connection to the sport in which his family, from New Mexico and Arizona, have also been gen-

eration cowboys. Clinton Bruised Head, married to Sammy Allen Bruised Head, has numerous championships including be-

nation-wide for his skills. Uncle Anson Begay roped in the professional, semi-pro, amateur and Indian rodeo circuits.

Somewhere along the way the rodeo bug caught Gavin, shown in the desire to ride sheep, calves, steers and now Junior Bulls.

Benjamin also started up the ranks with sheep to bulls, and puts forth a lot of effort in being in shape. Both Gavin and Benjamin work out daily, run and practice riding every chance they get.

The Indian National Finals begins November 5. Look for various fundraisers in the community by family and friends to help send these cowboys off to the National Finals, to chase the dream of becoming an Indian World Champion.

For information on the finals, or ticket sales, go to the website:

infr.org

ing the 2008 Indian National Finals Rodeo All-Around Champion and Indian National Finals Rodeo Steer Wrestling Champion.

His Canadian family has competed for many generations and have numerous championships as well.

This is Benjamin and Gavin's second qualification. Gavin Begay comes from a family of ropers: His father Mackey Begay was an avid roper, his grandfather Tom Begay Sr. was a Team Roper and Calf Roper, and known

## Hunting update from Natural Resources

Please come by the Natural Resources office to pick up your tags and a state lands 2013 Big Game Regulations Guide, and to sign up for lottery hunts.

Tags will be issued on a first-come first-serve basis. You may pick up your tag up to two days before the start of the hunt.

Due to the 2013 cost containment directive, the Natural Resources office will be closed Friday, Nov. 8 and Friday, Nov. 22 for reduced work hours.

Tags for hunts starting the following Saturday's may be picked up the Wednesday and Thursday before.

The office will also be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 28 in observance of the holiday.

Tags for hunts that week may be picked up Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

Hunting information is now available on the fishing and hunting hotline available at 541-553-2000. Ceded Land Hunting is designated for off reservation public (unclaimed) lands, private land hunting access must be approved by landowners.

Illegally harvesting wildlife on the reservation using ceded land tags or harvesting the wrong sex can have great long-term negative impacts to the tribes' wildlife populations.

Overharvesting wildlife and illegally harvesting females reduces wildlife population numbers for multiple generations.

There have been reports of poaching on and off the reservation, please help protect the tribes' wildlife resources by reporting poaching violations to our poaching hotline at 541-553-8300.

### 2013 Reservation hunting

**Elk season:** Nov. 2–November 30.

**Bear season:** Fall: To October 30.

Spring: April 15–May 31, 2014.

**Cougar season:** To March 30, 2014.

### Ceded Land hunting

Please take advantage of Ceded Land hunting tags.

These opportunities take hunting pressure off the Reservation which may help improve wildlife populations.

Ceded Land hunting tags must follow ODFW regulations. Reference the hunt number in the ODFW Big Game Regulations Guide Book for detailed hunt boundary descriptions. It is the hunters' responsibility to know where they are hunting, where they are allowed to hunt, what weapons they are allowed to use and what the bag limit is.

For questions regarding hunting please contact the Natural Resources Department at 541-553-2001.

The following is a list of Ceded Land tags that are available this month:

(For a full list of all 2013 Ceded Land hunts that are available visit the Natural Resources office.)

### Hunts starting in October

**Deer** – (Hunt number, hunt name, hunt dates, bag limit.)

WS139R1 Metolius Unit No. 1 Bow - Nov. 1-Nov. 30. One deer.

WS141T The Dalles Watershed Youth - Nov. 9-Nov. 17. One buck with visible antler.

WS141C White Rvr Unit - Nov. 9-Nov. 20 One buck with visible antler.

WS142B Hood Unit - Nov. 9-Nov. 20. One buck with visible antler

**Elk** – (Hunt number, hunt name, hunt dates, bag limit.)

WSRME2 Rocky Mtn. No. 2 Elk Season - Nov. 2-Nov. 10. See ODFW regulations

WS235Y Paulina-E Fort Rock No. 2 - Nov. 2-Nov. 10. One bull elk.

WS236Y Maury Unit No. 2 - Nov. 2-Nov. 10. One bull elk.

WS237Y Ochoco Unit No. 2 - Nov. 2-Nov. 10. One bull elk.

WS238Y Grizzly Unit No. 2 - Nov. 2-Nov. 10. One bull

elk.

WS245Y Fossil Unit No. 2 - Nov. 2-Nov. 10. One bull elk.

WS272Y Silvies Unit No. 2 - Nov. 2-Nov. 10. One bull elk.

WS247A2 Northside Private Lands No.2 - Nov. 2-Nov. 10. One elk.

WS237C2 Ochoco Private No. 2 - Nov. 2-Nov. 10. One elk.

WS238C2 Grizzly Private Lands No. 2 - Nov. 2-Nov. 10. One elk.

WS245A2 N Fossil Private Lands No.2 - Nov. 2-Nov. 10. One elk.

WS245B2 S Fossil Private Lands No. 2 - Nov. 2-Nov. 10. One elk.

WS246A W Murderers Cr - Nov. 2-Nov. 10 One elk.

WS246B E Murderers Cr - Nov. 2-Nov. 10 One elk.

WS247B W Northside - Nov. 2-Nov. 10. One elk.

WS247C E Northside - Nov. 2-Nov. 10. One elk.

WS248B2 Ritter No. 2 - Nov. 2 - Nov. 10. One elk.

WS234M E Cascade Muzzleloader - Nov. 9-Nov. 17. One elk.

WS241B White Rvr-Hood - Nov. 16-Nov. 24. One antlerless elk.

WS245C N Fossil - Nov. 16-Nov. 24. One antlerless elk.

WS245D1 S Fossil No. 1 - Nov. 16-Nov. 24. One antlerless elk.

WS246C Flagtail - Nov. 16-Nov. 24. One antlerless elk.

WS247 Northside Unit - Nov. 16-Nov. 24. One antlerless elk.

WS248D Heppner - Nov. 16-Nov. 24. One antlerless elk.

WS250A Desolation Unit - Nov. 16-Nov. 24. One antlerless elk.

WS265D E Grant - Nov. 16-Nov. 24. One antlerless elk.

WS272A Silvies Unit - Nov. 16-Nov. 24. One antlerless elk.

WS245D2 S Fossil No. 2 - Nov. 30- Dec. 8. One antlerless elk.

For 2013 there is mandatory reporting of all hunter harvest results for Ceded Land and reservation hunts. Failure to report will result in a loss of hunting privileges for subsequent tags.

Please be honest with your reporting. If you are issued a tag you have the right to hunt and harvest an animal. Harvest and hunting information is important for the wildlife department in determining wildlife population sizes, herd compositions and hunting pressure.

In addition, this information helps us determine where there are, and are not, animals, which helps focus our habitat restoration efforts. Your continued support and participation with hunter reporting is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your participation!

The Warm Springs Wildlife Department

### Boys and Girls Club fall hours

The Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club will be open Monday thru Friday from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m. On non school days, club hours are 10 a.m. to

5 p.m. The club will be closed on designated tribal holidays, reduction in work hour days and during inclement weather delays or closures.



**Open Wednesday thru Saturday**

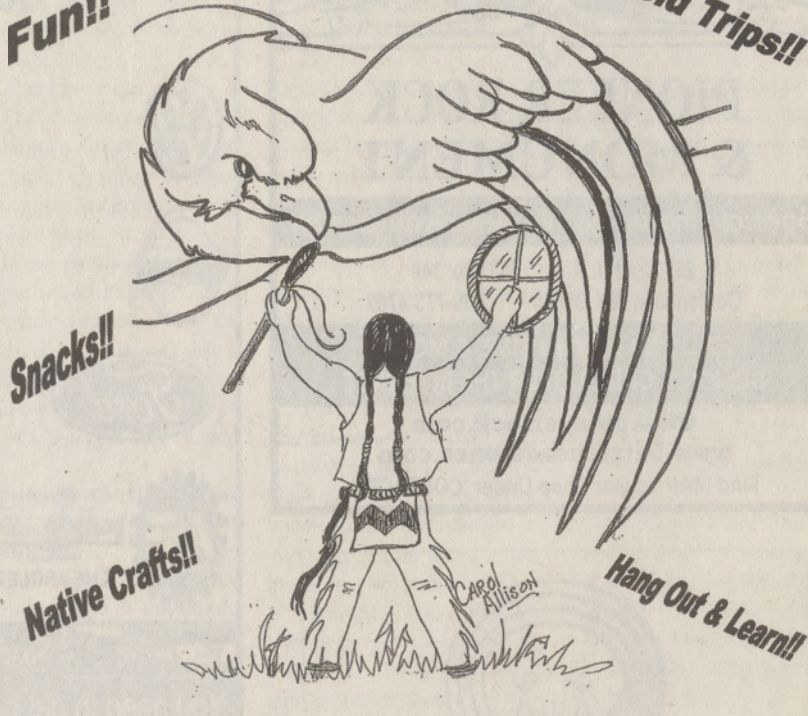
**10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Ph. 541-553-1041**

**At Warm Springs St. & Hollywood Blvd.**

Warm Springs Community Counseling has **Adult Drop-In Center** every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Adults are welcome to stop by between 8 and 9:30 a.m. for a light snack, conversation and an activity. For more information call Rick Ribeiro 553-3205.

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**Snacks!! Native Crafts!! Hang Out & Learn!!**

**JCMS After School Class**

**Tues 3:30 to 5:30 pm**

The next deadline to submit items for publication in the Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, Nov. 8. Thank you!