

# Smith Team wins 17th National Title

The Jason Smith Team again won the Wild Horse Racers Association National Championship.

The team members are Smith, Colton David and Bear Spino.

Smith and his team have 17 championships since he

began his professional Wild Horse Racing career.

The Jason Smith Team took first place out a field of seven teams. The Central Oregon region dominates the sport of Professional Wild Horse Racing: Four of the seven teams in the finals were

from Central Oregon. One of teams was from Southern Oregon.

The team that finished second was Team BGB, from Arizona, with team members Brandon Begaye, Daniel Etsitty and Lane Meanus.

Third was Anthony

Blueback Team, with Blueback, Carlo Wallulatum and Clinton Tohet.

The Professional Wild Horse Racers Association National Finals was held at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds Rodeo arena in January.

# Farm Fair & Trade Show this week at county fairgrounds

The Central Oregon Farm Fair & Trade Show is an opportunity for local farmers and ranchers to get updates on issues affecting agriculture, hear reports on local research efforts and receive two to four hours of pesticide applicator recertification credit.

It's also the chance to visit with neighbors while checking out new farm equipment, products and services from

more than 30 vendors.

The farm fair and trade show is this Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 5 and 6, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Free and open to the public. Lunch and refreshments each day. For information call 541-475-7107. For a complete agenda please visit:

[jeffcoseed.com/farm-fair](http://jeffcoseed.com/farm-fair)

# Horse problem may require regulation update

Tribal Council may consider changing the tribal regulations in regard to horses that are roaming at large on the reservation.

Some horse owners allow their animals to roam for years on the open range of the reservation. Meanwhile, Natural Resources is trying to get the problem under control: The horses damage fish and wildlife habitat, and consume grass that could be used by livestock such as cattle.

Jason Smith, Range and Ag manager, updated Council last week on the unclaimed horse problem. An issue, he said, is the

need for Natural Resources to compensate the horse owners when the animals are removed.

This is true even when the animals may have been out on the range for several years without any contact or control from the owner.

The open-range approach to the reservation dates back to the years when horses and other livestock were of greater importance to members than they are now, Smith said.

Now the open-range approach can be a problem, as the horses can go unclaimed for long periods of time.

Some owners may brand their horses, then leave

at large until the time when Natural Resources goes to remove them animals. Only then does the owner claim ownership, and therefore a right to compensation, Smith said.

At his suggestion, Council indicated a willingness to review and possibly modify the way the unclaimed animals are managed.

"Many of these horses are not taken care of at all, even though someone may own them," Councilman Carlos Smith said.

Wasco Chief JR Smith said the tribal Constitution limits the number of horses that an individual may claim at 40 head. Chief Smith asked

whether Natural Resources could not remove the unwanted animals without the owner's approval.

Jason Smith said Natural Resources does not have that authority. The Council may consider changing this rule, allowing greater authority to remove the horses that are causing the damage.

Over the past few years, Natural Resources has removed 3,100 horses through its removal program. There are still several thousand of the animals on the tribal range land.

# Siletz co-ed tourney in March

The Siletz Community Co-Ed Basketball Tournament, a Memorial Tournament for CW Case, is coming up in March.

There will be three divisions: fourth- through sixth-graders, four boys and four girls. Seventh- through ninth-graders, four boys and four girls. And tenth- through twelfth (over 18 must show high school transcript), four boys and four girls.

First-place winners receive jackets; two All-Star awards (bags); one MVP (Nike gift certificate). Second-place win-

ners receive hoodies; two All-Stars (bags); one MVP (Evolution basketballs).

The tournament is sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Education and Prevention Programs, Chinook Winds, Lincoln County, and PAADA.

There is an entry fee of \$150 per team. Payable to: Style, PO Box 611, Siletz, 97380-0611.

Contact Rusty Butler at 541-444-9286, or Shannon Case at 541-444-9671. This is an alcohol and drug free event.

# Meadows Ski Day



Sue Matters/KWSO

Young tribal members enjoyed Mt. Hood Meadows Tribal Ski Day last Friday, as new snow had just fallen.

# BAAD tourney next month

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Basketball Against Alcohol and Drugs Tournament is coming up in March. The BAAD tourney, sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, happens at the Nixyaawii Gym in

Pendleton.

For more information contact Lloyd Commander at 541-429-7887, or Larry Cowapoo at 541-429-7886. Dates of the tournament at March 21-28. Als, visit the website: [Ctuir.org](http://Ctuir.org)

# County Little League fundraiser

A Jefferson County Little League Tri-Tip and Chicken Banquet, Live and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, February 8.

This is a 21 and over event with over 75 auction items. Tickets can be purchased at Mail Copies N

More or the Madras Chamber of Commerce. Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 at the RAPA Building, 2209 N.W. Clackamas Drive in Madras. If you have questions or would like to donate you can call Jennifer 541-325-1315

# Composite: looking to increase Middle East sales

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Darnell said the economy picked up last year. "We're looking for a comeback of our domestic sales," he said.

Composite Products meanwhile has an increasing presence in the Middle East, which has a very strong economy. "Not just Dubai,"

he said, "but the entire region."

Composite Products began its Middle East sales mainly in Dubai, but has expanded to neighboring countries with a new distribution network.

Composite Products has developed its own door core, which is performing even

better than had been anticipated, Darnell said.

Composite Products, located by the WSFPI mill, manufactures fire-proof doors for buildings—hotels, school, for instance—that require this type of protection. Composite could see an increase of 12 to 14 percent

in sales this year, he said. "I think we'll have a better year," he said. The dividend to the tribes may increase to \$750,000 from the \$500,000 last year, he said.

Composite employment remains at about 79 percent tribal member, married-into-the-tribe, or other Indian.

*The next deadline to submit items for publication in the Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, Feb. 14. Thank you!*

# Processing facility: benefits to tribes

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Other potential funding sources at the meeting:

GrantMakers, the Central Oregon Inter-Governmental Council, Craft3 tribal fish processing, and the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Representing Warm Springs were Dena Thurbey and Dennis Johnson of Finance, Mark Manion and Tim Outman of Natural Resources, Donnie Winishut of the Fish and Wildlife Committee, and Tribal Councilman Kahseuss Jackson, of the tribal Economic Development. Some followed the meeting by Webinar or conference phone.

The idea for the traditional foods processing facility first

came up a few years. The initial plan called for a small-sized facility located possibly at the industrial park. As interest has grown, the plan for the facility has also expanded, said Bruce Jim. Further explanation from the feasibility study summary:

Traditional foods—including roots, berries, game and salmon—are an important part of the tribe's culture, diet and economy. Tribal members harvest salmon and traditional foods for longhouse ceremonies, tribal programs, and subsistence.

Currently, the ceremonial salmon and game from the existing freezer facility are subject to quality problems including freezer burn, spoilage, blood spots, bruising,

meat separation, belly burn and adulteration by pests.

The new facility is intended to reduce waste and spoilage, increase the utilization of fish, generate income, allow for new economic opportunities for several tribal businesses, and provide employment for tribal members.

This facility allows the opportunity to collaborate with other tribes and tribal members with custom processing services such as canning, smoking, freezing, and packaging.

The tribal Fish and Wildlife Committee and USDA Rural Development organized the funding meeting last week, which went well, said Dennis Johnson of Finance.

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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