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Warm Springs' race horse featured at Meadows

Jay Suppah and Fay Hurtado have been racing Shakalaka for about five years now.

Jay and Fay own and train the horse, with Jay's sister Joyce. But there is more to it than that.

"Everyone feels that Shakalaka is Warm Springs' horse," Fay was saying the other day. "He's not just our horse, Shakalaka belongs to Warm Springs." As an example:

This summer, after Shakalaka won at Prineville, they brought the horse onto the track for winner's photo. So many people from the reservation were on hand for the occasion, the photographer had a hard time fitting everyone in the frame.

Shakalaka is one of Jay and Fay's most successful race horses. He's won 11 races.

Their horse Ziggy Zack is also very fast. Last year Ziggy Zack won five races in a row.

For now, Shakalaka is probably the most recognizable horse to people in the Portland area. The horse's image and name were used in a recent Portland Meadows promotional campaign, appearing on city buses and billboards, and on the side of a building.

Portland Meadows features Shakalaka on its website, and had



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large posters of the horse on display at the racetrack. The motto was "Place Your Bets on Shakalaka."

Jay and Fay live in Simnasho. Jay works at Forestry, and Fay at Health and Human Services. Joyce lives in Portland, taking care of the horses. Jay and Fay have seven thoroughbreds.

Horse racing is a family tradition, coming down to Jay from his father Franklin Suppah.

Shakalaka is originally from California. Jay and Fay acquired him from the previous owner in a claiming race at Portland Meadows.

A claiming race is when the horses are all for sale for about the same price, up until shortly before the race. "It's a way to keep things honest," Jay says.

At a race in Montana, a woman claimed Shakalaka from Jay and Fay. They went back the following week and claimed him back.

Shakalaka is 9 years old, like Ziggy Zack. "We were planning to retire them after Burns," Jay says, "but they're still holding up pretty good."

— Dave McMechan

Pageant coming up

The Miss Warm Springs Pageant is scheduled for December 13 at the Agency Longhouse.

Applicants must be between 18 and 24 years old, or reach the age of 18 before Dec. 13.

The applicant must be a Warm Springs tribal member, and a resident of the reservation for at least year. (There is an exception for off-reservation students.)

Miss Warm Springs must always maintain and present herself in a proper and responsible manner throughout her term.

She must be able to travel and represent the tribes as the ambassador in other pageants, inter-tribal business, public relations functions, conferences and Tribal Council functions.

The Tribal Council staff organize the Miss Warm Springs Pageant.

Applications can be picked up and returned at the Tribal Council office. If you have any questions, call Minnie Yahtin or Emily Yazzie at 541-553-3257.

The 2015 Miss Warm Springs will receive a full beaded crown from 2014 Miss Warm Springs Charmaine Biley.

Travel expenses for Miss Warm Springs are provided by the tribes, within the Miss Warm Springs budget.

At the pageant the contestants are judged on their knowledge of the Confederated Tribes and the reservation; and knowledge of traditional foods, ceremonies, clothing, crafts and social activities.

The judges also look for poise, personality and beauty, speaking ability and appearance.

Contestants are asked to perform two tribal dances. They are asked to type essays on "Why I want to be Miss Warm Springs," and "What will be my civic project for the community during my reign?"

A table will be available at the pageant to showcase personal talents, academic and sports achievements, as well as traditional.

Important to know about Managed Care

An important aspect of the Managed Care program has to do with geography, and where a person lives in relation to the reservation.

The reservation, and the counties that touch the reservation are the "contract health services delivery area" of the Warm Springs Managed Care program.

These counties are Jefferson, Wasco, Clackamas, Linn and Marion counties. Deschutes County is part of the delivery area of the Cow Creek Band of Umpquas.

Like Deschutes, Crook County is part of the Ceded Lands, but is outside of the Warm Springs Managed Care service area.

Students from Warm Springs who live outside the service area, such as in Deschutes County, are given an exception.

A tribal member living outside the Warm Springs Managed Care delivery area can receive direct services at the Warm Springs clinic. But services provided at some other hospital or clinic may not be covered.

This situation comes up at times, and is unfortunate for the person involved, said Cassie Katchia, supervisor of the Joint Health Care Commission at the clinic.

A member who lives outside of the service area, and receives medical services at some outside hospital, might end up with the medical bill, because Warm Springs Managed Care cannot cover the service.

A tribal member residing outside the service area should register with the program that covers the particular location.

A tribal member who was living outside the area, but who moves back to the reservation, should register with Warm Springs Managed Care within two weeks.

Tribal members living on the reservation or surrounding counties should register with Managed Care once a year. Another good idea is to sign up for health insurance. Over the past year, more than 1,000 tribal members have registered for Expanded Medicaid.

TIKA in town

Officials with the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency visited Warm Springs in October.

The agency, called TIKKA, contributed \$150,000 for the new water tower that serves the k-8 Academy and Greeley Heights neighborhood.

TIKA helps projects in many countries, often helping with projects that have to do with water.

This was the second project that TIKKA helped fund in the U.S., and the first in Indian Country.



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Council chairman Greene, Hasan Burak Ceran, Councilman Danzuka, and Celalettin Gungenci.

TIKA engineers Celalettin Gungenci and Hasan Burak Ceran met at the water tower with Council Chairman Austin Greene and Councilman Orvie Danzuka.

Tribal water engineer Roy Spino hoisted the flags of the Confederated Tribes, TIKKA and Turkey onto the new water tank. This was done for the photo opportunity while the TIKKA engineers were in town.

"We are very happy to be here, and happy to help our friends in Warm Springs," said Celalettin Gungenci.

There will be a plaque at the k-8 Academy recognizing the contribution, said Councilman Danzuka.

509 meeting in Dec. in W.S.

The Jefferson County School District 509-J Board of Directors will meet in Warm Springs in December.

The Dec. 8 meeting, at the k-8 Academy, will include discussion of the impact aid funding.

The Nov. 17 board meeting had been scheduled for Warm Springs, but this was changed to December, as the representative from Education Northwest will not be available until next month.

The school district board meets one time each year to discuss impact aid.



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