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Wild Horse Race Country

The Warm Springs Reservation is Wild Horse Race Country. A recent example:

Two generations of Warm Springs horse racers each won Championships at the March competition of the Professional Wild Horse Racers Association.

The Jason Smith Team won the over 18 division. This was to be expected, as the Jason Smith Team is best Wild Horse Racing team in the nation, and has been for several years.

The winner of the 13-18 year division was the newly-formed Florendo Team of Warm Springs, with team members Preston Stevens, Koedy Florendo and Carlos Estrada.

A Professional Wild Horse Race Team consists of three people, called the shankman, the mugger and the rider. The equipment used is a lead shank, halter and saddle.

All of the positions are equally difficult and physical. On the Florendo Team, Koedy is the shankman, Carlos is the mugger, and Preston the rider.

A Professional Wild Horse Race



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Wild Horse Racing Champions Carlos Estrada, Koedy Florendo and Preston Stevens. They won the top prize buckles at the recent PWHRA competition.

happens fast, and can be dangerous, as the animals are wild. The action happens in a rodeo arena with eight teams competing against each other.

When the whistle blows the muggers open the gates and the horses

come running and bucking out of the chutes.

The shankman has to stop his team's animal. The shankman holds the horse in a position so the mugger can move up the shank and grab

the horse by the halter.

The next moment the rider gets the saddle on the horse and secures it by the quick cinch.

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The Simnasho District has scheduled a meeting for April 7 as a follow-up to the General Council.

The General Council meeting was after the Tuesday morning print deadline for this publication. Listen to KWSO 91.9 FM for the latest news updates, or check kwso.org

Business planners to graduate

One of the business ideas is to develop mountain bike trails on the reservation, and then rent mountain bikes to visitors.

Another idea is to raise and market organic beef. And another idea is to sell "Tiny Houses."

These are some of the ideas from the Warm Springs Indianpreneurship class. In the current class there are eight to 10 students who will be graduating this week. They have been developing their ideas over the past several weeks with the Indianpreneurship class.

They meet at the Credit Enterprise. Lead teacher is Aurolyn Stwyer, owner of the Red Sky Trading Post, vice-chair of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, and co-author of the Indianpreneurship curriculum and text book.

The business ideas of the current class are excellent, Stwyer says. The mountain bike idea is a good example. Kah-Nee-Ta Village has mountain bike rentals, but this could also work at other locations on the reservation.

Cycling is very popular, as shown by the more than 2,000 riders who passed through the reservation during Cycle Oregon, Stwyer said.

"That had a major economic impact on several businesses in the region," she said. The Tiny House and organic beer ideas are also excellent, Stwyer said.

The Indianpreneurship graduation is this Thursday, April 2, at the Credit Enterprise. All are invited to stop by around 6 p.m. to congratulate the graduates, and to learn more about the program.

Indianpreneurship is a part of ONABEN—Our Native American Business Network.

For information on the next series of classes, call the Warm Springs Community Action at 541-553-3148; or Tribal Credit at 541-553-3201.

Feast at Celilo

The Salmon Feast at Celilo Village is coming up Friday-Sunday, April 10-12. Powwows on Friday and Saturday, and the Feast is on Sunday.

Strategic milestone for John Day fish restoration

The John Day River is the third longest free-flowing river in the Lower 48, and there is no fish hatchery on this river, so all of the fish are wild.

This means the John Day is ideal for fish restoration, said Brian Cochran, restoration ecologist with the Branch of Natural Resources. "If we can't restore fish here, then where?" he says.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs take the lead role in

fish restoration in the John Day, the eastern edge of the Ceded Lands.

Over the past several years, many agencies and districts have been involved in hundreds of John Day restoration projects.

But in the basin, the tribes are involved, to some degree or another, in all of them. By way of analogy: "The tribes are like the quarterback, with their hand on the ball on every play," said Scott Turo, Natural Resources fish biologist.

The tribes own restoration lands along the river. They started with Pine Creek Ranch near Clarno in 1998. Then came the Oxbow Ranch on the Middle Fork in 2001; and the Forrest Ranch parcels in 2002.

These conservation areas are now models of land management for salmon habitat recovery. The tribes work with the Bonneville Power Administration on these and other mitigation projects in the John Day.

Natural Resources is nearly finished with the document—the John Day River Watershed Restoration Strategy—that will guide, and help fund the future restoration work in the John Day.

The 95-page strategy—two-years in the making—is ready for review by the Fish and Wildlife Committee, and then will go to Tribal Council for final review and approval.

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'Quiet Strength' opens soon at Museum at Warm Springs

Travis Bobb is a unique talent, his artwork reflecting the culture and humor of the people of the Warm Springs Reservation.

A showing of some of his best pieces is coming up at the Museum at Warm Springs. The show, *Quiet Strength*, opens next Thursday, April 9.

Travis' paintings and drawings are a creative and funny reflection of the life and character of the reservation.

Among his other endeavors, Travis is the long-time cartoonist for the *Spilyay Tymoo*.

He created the colorful coyote with war bonnet that is the logo of this publication.

The coyote appears in many of Travis' other drawings as well.

In these works the coyote

character can often be found in some humorous situation, usually involving his infatuation with beautiful women.

Travis' drawings never cease to amaze. They are funny and insightful, at times topical to a particular holiday or current event. In some of the pieces you might recognize some local person that you know.

Travis' show at the museum will feature color paintings plus pen-and-ink drawings, said Natalie Kirk, museum curator.

Quiet Strength opens with a reception on April 9 at 4 p.m., and runs through June 7.

Following the Travis Bobb exhibit will be the 2015 main exhibit at the museum. This will be: *Royal Legacy—Honoring the Miss Warm Springs of Our Past and Present*.

— Dave McMechan



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