

Sacred Hoop, White Bison founder coming to W.S.

Warm Springs Health and Human Services and Community Counseling will welcome Don Coyhis and the Sacred Hoop to Warm Springs this Friday, August 5.

This Wellbriety Movement event will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Community Center Social Hall. Lunch provided.

Mr. Coyhis, of the Mohican Nation, is the founder of White Bison Inc., an American Indian grass-roots non-profit organization based in Colorado Springs.



Courtesy photo.

Don Coyhis with the Sacred Hoop.

Sacred Hoop

The mission of the Sacred Hoop:

Healing individuals, families, communities and nations. Some background:

The Hoop was built in a sweat lodge in May of 1995.

In that year an Elders' gathering was held Wisconsin, providing prayers for the Hoop, and aligning its purpose to the coming healing

time. The Elders placed the four gifts of Healing, Hope, Unity and Power to Forgive the Unforgivable into the Hoop.

When the Sacred Hoop comes to a community, the people gather for ceremonies and talks about living sober and healthy lives. The origin:

In Black Elk's vision, the Hoop of the World referred to the communities of Native people. In his vision he saw the Native people going through a long time of suffering, during which the hoop was broken.

And then he saw that the people would begin to heal. Elders have said we are in the time of healing. The Sacred Hoop is the symbol of that time of healing.

White Bison

White Bison and the Wellbriety movement provide culturally based healing—from addiction, abuse, and other trauma—to the next seven generations of

Indigenous people.

On the Warm Springs Reservation, the Wellbriety Sons and Daughters of Tradition program led to creation of the Soaring Butterflies and Warrior Spirits student and youth programs.

The Warm Springs Tribal Court has a Wellbriety alternative to criminal court. And last year Community Counseling formed the adult groups Guiding Butterflies and Mighty Warriors.

Sarah Wolfe at the Counseling Center has been an advocate of the local Wellbriety movement. The tribes hosted a Wellbriety *Celebrating Families!* training earlier this year, the first such training on the reservation.

For more information on the upcoming visit, call Sarah at 541-553-3205; or email: sarah.wolfe@wstribes.org

Don Coyhis

Since founding White Bison 26 years ago, Mr. Coyhis has developed a series of culturally-based programs to address recovery and treatment, youth prevention, healthy families and healing from unresolved grief and traumatic loss due to inter-generational trauma.

These programs have been implemented throughout Indian Country in the U.S. and Canada. Mr. Coyhis was the 2009 winner of the Purpose Prize Award.

He has been called upon to provide technical assistance by national policy organizations such as the White House Office of Drug Control Policy, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, as well as other national recovery organizations.

Around Indian Country

Cowlitz win major court hearing

The BIA can place land in trust for the Cowlitz Tribe of Washington, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last week in a closely-watched gaming case.

By a unanimous vote, a three-judge panel of the court said the Cowlitz people were "under federal jurisdiction" in 1934 even though their formal government-to-government relationship wasn't finalized by the BIA until 2000.

That means the tribe can follow the land-into-trust process.

Writing for the court, Judge Robert L. Wilkins said the BIA considered a slew of evidence before approving the tribe's land-into-trust application. Failed treaty negotiations that led to the illegal taking of the tribe's land and other actions are proof of federal status, he said.

"The Cowlitz refused to sign an 1855 land cession treaty proposed at the Chehalis River Treaty Council, whereby Governor Stevens of the Washington Territory and other federal agents sought to move the Cowlitz to a reservation on the Pacific Coast," Wilkins wrote. "The Cowlitz resisted relocation and refused the treaty, but years later the

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United States offered the Cowlitz's land for sale to settlers without compensation anyway.

"As the district court explained, the fact that the government nevertheless took the Cowlitz land even after the tribe resisted the treaty corroborates that the government treated the Cowlitz as under its jurisdiction."

The decision represents a strong rebuke to opponents of ilani, the tribe's fast-rising casino in Clark County. Construction started earlier this year despite the lawsuit and the facility is due to open on April 17, 2017.

The casino will be the closest tribal gaming facility to Portland, and that's one of the reasons why the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde have tried to stop the new development. The Grand Ronde operate the Spirit Mountain Casino about 90 miles from Oregon's most populous city.

"The tribe continues to believe it is wrong for the

Cowlitz to build a casino in Clark County, a region historically belonging to the tribes and bands of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde," Chairman Reyn Leno said in a statement on Friday. "We are reviewing the decision and are evaluating our next steps."

Leno's tribe could ask a larger panel of judges on the D.C. Circuit to rehear the case. Or the tribe could take the dispute to the U.S. Supreme Court—which is still down one member following the death of Justice Antonin Scalia in February.

Back in February 2009, the Supreme Court ruled that the BIA can only place land in trust for tribes that were "under federal jurisdiction" when the Indian Reorganization Act became law in 1934. But the *Carciari v. Salazar* decision did not define the exact meaning of that phrase.

That left an opening for the Obama administration to develop a two-part test that takes into account numerous factors to determine whether a particular tribe meets the test. A federal judge and now, the D.C. Circuit, have upheld the validity of the analysis with respect to the Cowlitz.

Warm Springs OSU Extension, OSU Veterinarian School, and the Natural Resources Range and Ag Department hosted a horse clinic recently. At left are an OSU Veterinarian student, Range and Ag director Jason Smith, and Dr. Jacob Meachm. This was a horse castration clinic.

Photos courtesy of Sue Matters/KWSO

Commercial fishing season set

The twelfth commercial fishing season of 2016 has been set.

The season began on Monday of this week, and lasts through 6 p.m., Saturday, August 13.

The open area is only the Bonneville Pool in Zone 6.

Allowed gear is setlines with 9/0 or larger hooks.

Allowable sales are sturgeon between 38 and 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville pool which may be kept for commercial sales or subsistence use.

Sturgeon within the legal

limits caught on scaffolds or with hook and line gear may also be sold or kept for subsistence.

Fish may be sold after the open period closes as long as they were landed during the open period.

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