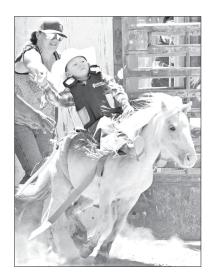
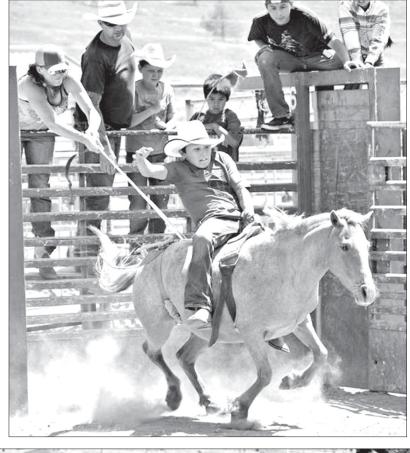
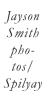
Young people had a chance to sharpen their rodeo skills at the Chiefs for Recovery youth rodeo and clinic. Featured events were the wild colt race clinics, taught by Professional Wild Horse racer Jason Smith and Buck Smith. The clinic also included mini bucking and senior bucking instruction.









## CRITFC hosting Indian Fishers Expo next Friday

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission will host the 2017 Expo at Hood River on Friday, July 28. The event is free to tribal members.

Some features of the Expo:

The Fish and Wildlife committees of the four river tribes will each host their own question and answer sessions for fishers. These are open to everyone.

The sanitarian of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will conduct a quality handling class. This will give participants tribe-issued certification, recognized by the state of Oregon for sales within the state.

There will be sessions on boat safety and boat maintenance.

The maintenance session will include advice on keeping your boat engine at peak condition; common engine-killing mistakes and how to avoid them; and a hands-on overview of basic fiberglass repair. Fishers can bring their own boats to the workshop for specific questions.

Another Expo session will cover marking and business: connecting with customers, and selling at farmers markets.

There will be trade booths, and a free raffle. The Expo will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 28. For more information call 503-238-0667; or visit the website: critfc.org

The July CRITFC commission

meeting will be at the Best Western Hood River Inn the Wednesday and Thursday before the Expo.

# Youth track meet at Academy

The Recreation Department and Warm Springs Prevention will host the Recreational Invitational on Tuesday, August 1 at the Warm Springs Academy track and field.

There are two age groups each for boys and girls: ages 2-

5, and 6-12. Events include: 50 meters, 100 meters, 200 meters and 400 meters.

There will be the long jump, high jump, softball throw, t-ball throw, and 400 meter relay. Patricipants receive a t-shirt and water bottle.

### Memorial races at Wasco Fair

The Vernon and Nellie Spino Three-Quarter Memorial Race is coming up in August at the Wasco County Fair and Rodeo.

The race prize is \$1,000 winner take all, with other prizes to be announced. The race is Saturday night, August 26.

The Vernon Ray Spino Memo-

rial Kids Match Race is Friday night, August 25. This is half track race, limited to six riders ages 8-12 years. Call-ins open August 7. First place, \$100; second, \$75; and third, \$50; other prizes to be announced.

For information call 541-460-3283; or 541-325-2799.

# Taking aim again at sea lions

Congress is once again considering giving Oregon and Washington fish and wildlife officials and regional tribes broader authority to kill sea lions below the Bonneville Dam, an effort supporters say is necessary to protect 13 endangered species of salmon and steelhead.

But unlike previous attempts to rein in the marine mammals, which are protected under federal law, the legislation goes beyond killing the dozens that converge each spring on the fish logjam at the Columbia River dam 145 miles from the Pacific Ocean.

The bipartisan team behind the bill want to go much further. They also want to make it easier to kill California sea lions found on the Willamette River and its tributaries, and anywhere on the Colum-

bia River east of Interstate 205. If the legislation is approved, as

If the legislation is approved, as many as 920 sea lions could be killed annually, compared with 92 under the current agreement.

The bill's supporters say they don't envision ever reaching that toll—that would be expensive and a public relations nightmare. The measure, they say, would allow them to move quickly to remove nuisance animals before they engage in a months-long feast on prized spring Chinook salmon, an industry that accounts for hundreds of millions of dollars in business in the Pacific Northwest.

In 2016, the states removed and euthanized 59 sea lions, the most in any single year since the program began in 2008 (two additional sea lions were accidentally killed).

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#### Celestial Visions at museum



The Museum at Warm Springs is now hosting the *Celestial Visions* exhibit. The show features paintings, beadwork and other art celebrating the upcoming solar eclipse

Enhancing the show are educational displays explaining the science of the eclipse. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday. You can reach them at 541-553-3331.

### Art in the West at High Desert Museum



The High Desert Museum in Bend has selected 69 works of art by 53 artists for this year's *Art in the West* exhibition and silent auction.

The opening reception is on Thursday, July 27 from 6–8 p.m.

The public is invited to this free first view opportunity where they may place a bid or purchase a beautiful piece of artwork outright.

During the opening reception, artists Katherine Taylor and Ken Roth, who also have pieces in the exhibition, will participate in live painting demonstrations throughout the evening.

## Tribal Q & A

The Fish & Wildlife Committee
members from the four tribes will each
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answer session for fishers. The
sessions are open to everyone.

#### Fisher Safety

• Columbia River boat safety

### Boat Maintenance

- Ways to keep your boat engine running at peak condition.
   Also: common engine-killing mistakes and how to avoid them.
- A hands-on overview of basic fiberglass repair. Fishers can bring their own boats to the workshop to address specific questions.

#### **Quality Handling**

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 Tribe's sanitarian, completing this
 class will give fishers Warm Springs
 Tribe-issued certification that is
 recognized by the State of Oregon
 for sales within the state. Oregon
 residency is not required, but fishers
 selling to non-Indian customers over
 the bank in Oregon are encouraged
 attend.

## Marketing and Business

- Connecting with customers
- Selling at farmers markets
- **Trade Booths**
- Free Raffle

The event is free for all Nez Perce, Yakama, Umatilla, and Warm Springs fishers. For more information and the current schedule, call (503) 238-0667 or visit www.critfc.org.



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