

Rodeo: a thank-you to the many who give their support

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“Isaiah and Siddalee are really blazing the trail for our young kids,” Evans Spino Jr. says. “No one at their age has gone to these kinds of big time shows.”

Isaiah’s parents are Teryl Florendo and Armando Ribeiro. Isaiah rides his horse Wup-Sin-Nee (Little Girl) at the family Charley Canyon ranch. He also stays in rodeo shape during the year by playing other sports, especially baseball, wrestling and basketball. And on behalf of elders he cuts wood and hunts.

Isaiah learned his rodeo skills from family elders, especially his great-grandfather and grandfather. (Over his 20 years of rodeo, Evans Jr. won 77 buckles.) Isaiah’s other grandfather is Joel Florendo.

The family wishes to thank the many people who helped Isaiah this year make it to Oklahoma City:



The First Go-Round Champion plaque



The Championship buckle

First of all, Thank you to the fans, who travel to rodeos around the region to watch him ride. Thank you to DMJ Automotive,

Indian Head Gaming, Power and Water Enterprises, Red Skye Trading Post, Hamley & Co. Saddles of Pendleton, and Cash

& Release of Redmond.

Thank you to Kim Cooper for helping on the road; and to Whiskey Creek livestock provider. And

thank you to all others who have contributed with donations of raffle items, cash and their time and effort.

Reicie

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And meanwhile she is getting ready to give the title to the next Miss Warm Springs.

The 2019 Pageant will be on Wednesday, March 27, six o’clock at the Agency Longhouse. Thyreicia invites all to attend. Asked for advice she might have for the next Miss Warm Springs, Reicie says:

“Have a strong support system, an open heart and a flexible schedule. Make the most of the opportunities as they present themselves—and wear the crown, be the crown, You are the crown.

“I’m very thankful to those who have supported me,” she says. “Whether it’s been with your wise words of encouragement, or financially, and to those who shared their regalia with me during the year. And I’m grateful I’ve had this chance to represent our community and the tribes.”

— Dave McMechan



Grant helps serve W.S. veterans

Veterans of the reservation and the county will see the benefit of a grant from the Oregon Health Services to BestCare Treatment Services.

BestCare received the grant in the amount of \$137,273 for two years. The funding will help in providing behavioral health care to local veterans.

BestCare will use the grant to employ a full-time veterans’ behavioral health peer support specialist. Once the full-time position is filled, the specialist will provide peer mentor support to local veterans receiving care through BestCare’s mental health program, or through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

In addition, the veterans behavioral health peer support specialist will actively provide veterans outreach services, in part, by actively participating in veterans networking activities and working with the Jefferson County Veterans Services program.

For more than three years, BestCare Treatment Services of Jefferson County has provided free behavioral health services to veterans who do not qualify for Medicaid.

For more than two years, BestCare’s Prevention Services has provided suicide prevention training to veteran programs.

BestCare seeks to hire veterans, whenever possible; and has provided annual support to the

Jefferson County Veterans Services Office annual toy drive for veterans and their families. The Oregon Health Services grant will help extend and expand an existing program.

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