

Finals Qualifiers

Warm Springs now has two young tribal members competing on the world stage of youth rodeo.

This year both Siddalee Spino Suppah and Isaiah Florendo qualified to compete at the Junior World Rodeo Finals, coming up in December at Las Vegas.

Isaiah qualified in the senior division in Bareback and Saddle Bronc, and Siddalee in peewee Saddle Bronc.

Siddalee, Isaiah and families traveled together this summer to many rodeos with great success, earning places in the Junior World Finals.

For her latest rodeos Siddalee has worn red for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women (MMIW) awareness, shirt printing is by Bona Fide Printing.

Siddalee has been riding bucking ponies for about three years.

She won her first competition 2016, winning in the calf riding category. This led to her riding mini-broncs bareback and steers, competing in the Northwest Youth Rodeo Association. And now she also rides Saddle Bronc.

Isaiah has already been in rodeo for a number of years, riding year-round.

With grandfather Evans Spino Jr. and his traveling family, Isaiah has made up to 80 rodeos a year.

At the end of last year's season, Isaiah rode at the renowned Jim



Courtesy Paleena Spino

Siddalee and Isaiah at rodeo.

Norick Arena in Oklahoma City. Former home of the National Finals Rodeo, the arena in 2018 hosted the International Miniature Rodeo Association Finals.

In the Saddle Bronc competition there were four go-rounds: Isaiah won two of these outright; and in the end with most points overall he won the International Miniature Rodeo Saddle Bronc World Championship.

The Junior World Finals will be in Las Vegas the week of December 4-10.

Look for upcoming fundraisers—All of your support will be greatly appreciated!



Geo Visions open house

Tribal members are invited to the Geo Visions open house a week from Friday, on October 18.

This is a chance to learn about the work that Geo Visions does, including the work of the enterprise Cultural Resources Division.

This division is dedicated to the protection and preservation of cultural resources.

Geo Vision's mission is to serve the archaeological and historical preservation needs of the indigenous Pacific Northwest.

Some of the services that Geo Visions provides in the private and public sectors:

Completion of studies to meet the National Historic Preservation Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.

Identification of historic properties; and inventories and reporting to meet the National Historic Preservation Act.

Ethnographic studies and properties of historic religious and cultural significance to Indian tribes.

The Geo Visions open house will include inter-active demonstrations including flint knapping—the traditional means of fashioning tools and arrowheads from flint, chert and obsidian.

There will also be talks with Native elders of the community.

The October 18 open house will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Geo Visions office at the industrial park. Please RSVP so the enterprise

can be sure to have enough food. Email: bgilliland@wsgovisions.com Or call 386-209-0472.



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