

Year of rodeoing with Isaiah Florendo

This has been an incredible rodeo year for Isaiah Florendo. He’s shown great dedication to the sport and the commitment to improving his skills.

His training included top-notch riding instruction at professional schools like the College of South Idaho Saddle Bronc Riding, the ‘Wright Way’ Saddle Bronc Riding, and the Cody Custer Bull Riding School.

Isaiah’s achievements during 2024 have included:

- Competing in both Bull Riding and Saddle Bronc Riding at the Oregon State High School Rodeo Association Finals.
- Qualifying for the National High School Rodeo Association Finals in Bull Riding.
- Being the Crooked River Round Up ‘Young Guns’ Bull Riding Champion.
- Securing a spot at the Northwest Professional Rodeo Association Finals (NPRA) in Bull Riding, and finishing among the top six.
- Competing at the Indian National Finals Rodeo



With Isaiah at Youth Finals: Uncle Trevor Hurtado and Aunt Kecia Florendo, the and youngster Braxton Hurtado

in Rookie Saddle Bronc.

- Qualifying for the 2024 YETI Junior World Finals Saddle Bronc Riding and finished thirteenth.

Isaiah has truly proven himself as a rising star in the rodeo world. Congratulations on an exceptional year, and here’s to even greater success in the future!
(Submitted by Kecia Florendo.)



Photos courtesy Kecia Florendo.

Community notes...

The Public Safety building

Improvements and renovations are underway at the Public Safety building, including the Warm springs Police Department. The upgrade work includes roofing, heating and cooling replacements, among other improvements.

Modular buildings are now in place for Police Department personnel to use when inside work begins.

The modulares are located behind the Post Office where the old Commissary Building had been.

COCC Madras campus expansion

Central Oregon Community College has been awarded \$250,000 from the Maybelle Clark MacDonald Fund, plus an additional \$50,000 in matching funds for the COCC ‘Growing Together’ fundraising campaign.

This adds up to another major investment

in COCC’s 24,000-square-foot educational facility and community resource taking shape at the Madras campus.

The larger COCC Madras campus will house early childhood education programs, registered Nurse and other health career pathways, and include a 100-capacity childcare center to serve the region. The new facilities are set to open in the winter of 2026.

The COCC expansion project in Madras is a response to community’s needs related to early childhood education and health care workforce gaps, along with a major shortage of childcare options in the region.

Under construction since early June, the Madras campus expansion is funded through a mix of federal, state, institutional and other public resources.

The Central Oregon Community College Foundation is seeking the remaining funds from private philanthropy and grants.

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