

W I L D H O R S E R E S O R T C A S I N O

Contact: Charles Denight

Phone: 541-966-1973

Email: charles@wildhorseresort.com

For Immediate Release

April 30, 2005

New book, *Lewis & Clark for Dummies*, And author, Sammye Meadows, at Tamástslíkt

With the commemoration of the Lewis & Clark expedition's 200th anniversary, followers of the historic duo may find the prospect of reading their multi-volume journals to be, well, daunting. But to the rescue has come a book, *Lewis & Clark for Dummies*, to make the task of absorbing the history of the early 19th century event much easier.

Sammye Meadows, co-author of *Lewis & Clark for Dummies*, will sign her book and discuss the explorers, presumably in simple terms, at the Museum Store at Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute, Saturday, April 30. Meadows represents Native Tribes with the National Council of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial and has authored several prize-winning short stories. Her presentation is free and open to the public.

As cultural awareness coordinator for the National Council of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial and the Circle of Tribal Advisors she creates public affairs materials to voice American Indian perspectives about the Lewis & Clark Expedition, the opening of the West and resulting loss of Native lands, languages and cultures. To Meadows, the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial is a chance for America to learn something about itself and about American Indians, then and now – to look at our shared past of genocide and slavery and understand how it contributed to who we all are today.

Describing herself as a hillbilly writer, Meadows grew up in the Cumberland Mountains of Eastern Kentucky, where both of her grandfathers and all of her uncles were coal miners and storytellers. She graduated from Centre College of Kentucky with a liberal arts degree and promptly moved to Colorado, then Alaska, then Utah, New Mexico and Montana. She now lives and works in Gunnison, Colorado. Prior to the National Council of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial, Meadows worked for Sundance Resort, Taos Art Association, Betty Ford Alpine Gardens and the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. She has been a ski bum, small town bureaucrat, national environmental activist, marathon runner, and high country gardener. She has also hiked 80 miles through the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, meeting wolves and caribou and eating berries under the Midnight Sun.

Meadows appearance is part of a weekend of Lewis & Clark related activities at Tamástslíkt, including a film festival, dog parade, musical concert and other fun for families. For more information, contact Tamástslíkt at 541-966-9748.

Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute is located at Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 10 minutes east of Pendleton. From Interstate 84 take exit 216 and follow the signs five minutes to Wildhorse Resort and the Institute. Coming from the north, take the Mission exit from Highway 11 just northeast of Pendleton and follow the signs for about ten minutes to the Wildhorse Resort and the Institute. Tamástslíkt is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition to exhibits telling the story of the three Tribes' history and culture, there is also a Museum Store and the Kinship Café.

For more information: 541-966-9748 or www.tamastlikt.com. Direct dial the museum store at tollfree 1-866-282-2022. Tamástlikt is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation