

White Buffalos football season kicks off

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Football season kicked off recently, and both Madras High School teams feature several tribal member players.

Playing for the varsity team is Emerson Culpus, a 16-year-old junior who plays tackle. Culpus has played football since the seventh grade.

Joining him are Chance Squiemphen, a 17-year-old senior who plays offensive guard and tackle, and James Scott, a 17-year-old senior who plays fullback and defensive end.

According to Squiemphen, there are various reasons why he enjoys football.

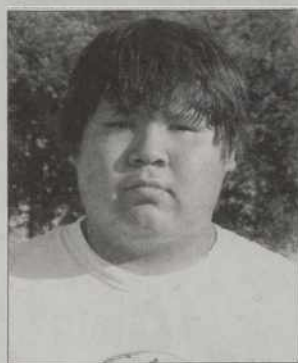
"It's a competitive sport; it's a contact sport," Squiemphen explained.

Also playing for varsity is Rolin Morning Owl, a 17-year-old senior who plays offensive guard. In his opinion, the best part of the game is "just the thrill of it."

Martin Smith, a 16-year-old sophomore, will be playing wide receiver and linebacker for the varsity team. He has played football for three years.

Victor Switzler, a 16-year-old junior, will be playing wide receiver for the varsity team during his first year playing football.

Also joining the varsity team is Victoria Katchia, a 17-year-old



Emerson Culpus



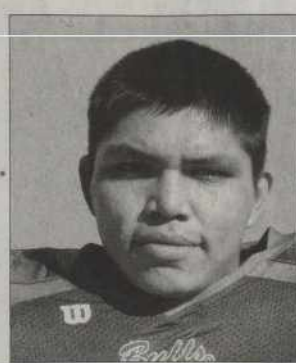
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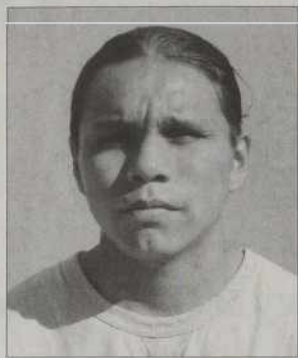
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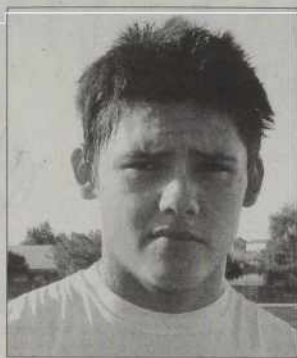
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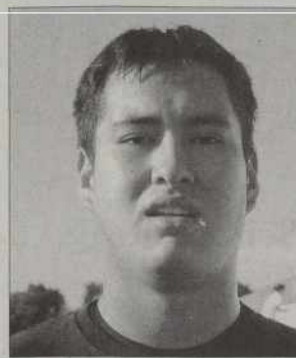
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Leander Smith



Martin Smith



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senior who plays defensive tackle.

This is Katchia's second year playing football, and she said she feels right at home playing with the group of boys.

"I've kind of always been used to being around guys, so it's actually nice and comfortable," she said.

Leander Smith, a 16-year-old

junior will be playing linebacker, and said his favorite part about football is the physical aspect.

Joining him is Jasper Smith, a 17-year-old senior who will play linebacker.

Frosh/soph team

On the frosh/soph team, Kenneth Van Pelt, a 14-year-old freshman will be playing defen-

sive tackle.

As for his favorite part, Van Pelt said, "You get to hit people."

Douglas Brisbois, playing wide receiver and defensive back, and Drew Pennington, playing lineman, both join the frosh/soph team as 14-year-old freshmen.

As for his favorite part,

Pennington said, "It gets you out there and active."

Theron Spino, a 14-year-old freshman, will play halfback and free safety.

"I just like to hit people and just like to win," Spino said of the sport.

Tanner Wells, a 14-year-old freshman, will play fullback and linebacker. He has been play-

ing football for four years.

Joining him is Wes Smith, a 14-year-old freshman who will play defensive end and tackle.

Also playing defensive end is Wyatt Frank, a 14-year-old freshman.

Rounding out the team are Greg Jim, a 14-year-old freshman, and Chez Frank, a 15-year-old sophomore who will both play linemen.

The varsity team kicked off the season with a home game against Eagle Point High School on August 31.

Both the varsity and the frosh/sophomore teams faced off against La Pine High School on September 7.

Next up both teams will play against Sisters High School on September 14.

Agencies release fish recovery plan, opponents protest

(AP) - Federal agencies released a plan that they say will improve the recovery of Columbia Basin salmon and steelhead. But fish advocates immediately dismissed it as a failure and a continued breach of the Endangered Species Act.

The Bonneville Power Administration, U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation submitted the plan to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries at the end of August. The plan was made public last week.

NOAA will conduct its own analysis of the plan and assess its effect on the species.

Federal courts have repeatedly rejected plans submitted by the agencies.

The government said the latest one is the most comprehensive approach to date. Agency officials said it includes the most extensive analysis of the fish stocks in a larger area, represents a major collaboration with groups including tribes, and has more action items that cost

more. The ten-year plan includes steps to address the habitat, hatcheries and predator control surrounding the fish.

But critics called it warmed-over. "This is the same plan with a new ribbon on it," said Nicole Cordan of Save Our Wild Salmon Coalition.

Bottle drive to help team travel

There is an on-going bottle drive fundraiser benefiting the Rez Express, the All-Indian high school boys basketball team representing Warm Springs.

Proceeds go toward travel expenses for the team to travel to the 2008 Native American Basketball Invita-

tional Tournament in Phoenix.

For donations, and pickup, please contact Sammi O'Reilly, Val Squiemphen or Rita Squiemphen.

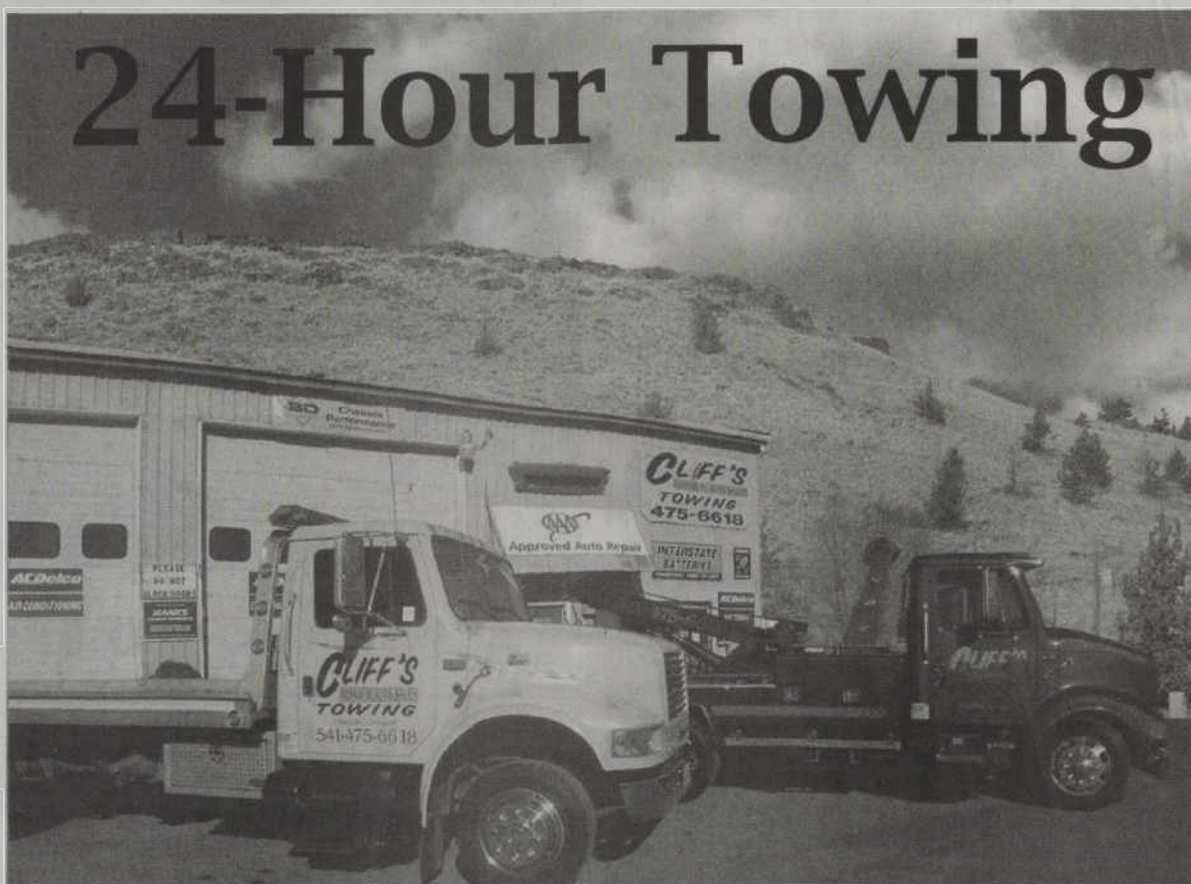
The fund-raiser will be on-going through July of 2008.

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