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SPORTS



Approximately 50 Warm Springs youth participated in a five day basketball camp August 3 through August 7 co-sponsored by the Johnson O'Malley Committee and Tribal Council. Camp was held at the Community Center and taught by members of the North Dakota Warriors basketball team.

**85th Annual Clackamas County Fair and Rodeo
Canby, Oregon August 11-16**
Livestock, Arts & Crafts, food and Textile, 4-H and FFA Exhibits, Juniors Livestock, Horses, Flowers, Photography

Klamath rodeo set for Aug. 22-23

The Klamath Treaty Days Rodeo, set for August 22-23 features five events: Bullmania, Jr. Bullmania, Mutton Bustin, Wildhorse Race, and Team Roping.

Events are open to all contestants

and open August 17-19 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Other events at the Rodeo include a powwow, barbecue, Buckaroo Breakfast, parade, church and a fun run.

For more information call (503) 883-7166.



Shirelle Adams enjoys carnival rides at Jefferson County Fair.

Variety of sporting events to be held August 14-16

Strom envisions need for Indian athletics, and coordinates "Sports Festival"

Leon Strom of Wapato, Washington has been involved with athletics since as far as he or his opponents can remember.

His athletic resume includes playing baseball, football, basketball, fast pitch softball and slow pitch softball. Strom has also coached a number of men's and women's softball teams, and is presently the head coach of the Toppenish High School girls' softball team.

That may be clue enough as to why he conceived the idea of having a "Sports Festival" here on the Yakima Nation.

"The Festival itself is just what it implies," stated Strom, "a gathering of athletes participating and socializing on a competitive basis without being restricted to a point system for the nation the athlete represents."

Strom is not new to organizing sporting events. He has coordinated the National Indian Invitational men's and women's softball tournaments since the early 80's. The event has also included youth divisions for boys' baseball and girls' softball.

And he feels it's a philosophy of bringing together athletes of all ages from across Indian Country and

giving them the chance to shine is the driving force behind the Sports Festival.

"We all know the complexities of the Olympics, or in our case, the Indian Olympics, and the difficulty for all members to be tied to their tribe in an arena of competition." "The Festival will allow us to maintain competition, expand events, enjoy our Indian athletes in their quest for a spot in the sun."

He, and other members of a volunteer committee, are looking to have a boy's baseball tournament, women's softball, men's softball, volleyball tournaments, and a track and field meet for this year's event. The events are scheduled for August 14-16 in Wapato, Washington.

Committee members foresee future events could include junior and adult golf tournaments, tennis, a triathlon, swimming, and a rodeo. And it is for the future that Strom and others are now volunteering their time for.

"In undertaking this new direction for the 21st century, the committee's mission is to promote and maintain the identity of our various tribes in the U.S. and Canada through sport-

ing events, participation, social awareness, and cultural sharing in an athletic atmosphere," Strom notes.

Doris Peters, of Granger, Washington, has stepped forward to coordinate the track and field meet, while Victor Gardee, of Toppenish, Washington, has volunteered to run the volleyball tournaments. Betty Hamilton and Angie Sampson, both of Wapato, will be directing the women's softball games, while Strom will focus on the men's tournament.

Strom said that there has been interest expressed in a boy's 12 years and under baseball tournament, but it will depend on finding people willing to volunteer their time running the event.

"It takes untold hours of preparation by people who's overall focus is to have an event that highlights the Indian athlete," Strom states. "We're always looking for more volunteers to help put such events together."

Strom summed up the Festival Committee's purpose as: "We foresee the reduction of tribal identity, cultural and involvement by Native Americans as we move toward a new future for our youth. To rectify such an adjustment, it is our hope that

even though we might be engulfed in society, we still can maintain our identity as Indigenous, People."

Following is an outline of what events are being held this year at the Yakima Nation Sports Festival, August 14-16, in Wapato, Washington. Any questions regarding information can be directed to Leon Strom at (509) 865-2939; or, Ronn Washines at (509) 865-5121.

Sports Festival Events:

Track & Field: will take place August 15 on the Wapato High School track, with 5 age divisions for males and females.

Age division and respective events are:

*7-9 years: 50, 100, 220 and 440 meter runs, softball throw, and standing long jump.

*10-11 yrs.: 100, 220, 440 meter runs; 440 and 880 meter relays; softball throw; running long jump; high jump.

*12-13 yrs.: 100, 220, 440, 880 and mile runs; 440, 880 and mile relays; running long jump; shot put; high jump.

*14-18 yrs.: 100, 220, 440, 880, mile and two mile runs; 440, 880 and

Running brave.... Dreams can be fulfilled

By Sid Miller

Billy Mills was on hand at Barcelona track and field meet to watch the 10,000 meter race. The race he won in Tokyo in the 1964 Olympic games as the only American to ever win the 10,000 meter run. It appeared that he was unaware the TV camera scanning the crowd had him on TV as the race was in progress.

The unnoticed, the person no one ever thought would be near the finish line at the end of the race shocked the whole world when Billy Mills made his move on the final lap of the race and came sprinting down the straight away to win the gold medal. It sounded like the announcer about jumped out of the arena when Mills made his move. The announcer was so excited he literally screamed into the mike with disbelief that Mills made that final move.

As the stories go, Mills grew up on the poverty stricken Sioux Reservation, struggled all his life first making himself known running for the Haskell Indian Junior College in Kansas. Then moving on to Kansas University where he was one of the leading distance runners and finally running for the U.S. Marine Corps when he made the team to go to the Olympics in Japan.

Goes to show what determination and hard work can do for an individual. Dreams can be fulfilled if a person sets his mind to it and works, and works hard and putting that dream above anything else. Set a goal and achieve what a person sets to do or be. Mills was no different than any other kid from the reservation. He had his bad times but that didn't stop him from fulfilling his dream. Determination and hard work is the key to anything. There are times when a person has to sacrifice many things

to get what he really wants. The difference between many individuals is the glory that is at hand. Today there are many, many Indian athletes who can make something out of themselves if they only could see what Mills visioned when he was growing up. If they would only dream like Mills did and set their goal and strive to fulfill that dream.

The way things are today is the glory of little things, where no one will ever get out of that rut. The glory of playing rat basketball, or softball and for what, "a T-shirt?" Today everybody gets into the picture. Getting a T-shirt for entering a tournament. When all the applause quiets down everyone forgets of who you are. Yep! it's that way all across the country. People can only see the glory of the little things that don't count except for the few moments as the awards are being passed out.

In the olden days the leagues used to run all season long and at the end of the season there was a tournament and the champion team would get the trophy and that was it. No second place no all stars and that really meant a lot to a team to win the trophy. Goes to show what glory means now days. Instead of setting a big goal or have a big dream, little material things mean more.

Take Ted Nuce, he set his goal and fulfilled his dream and that was to be the Worlds Champion Bullrider. He did that. And in Calgary, Canada just about a month ago he won the \$50,000 bull riding championship. And Bullriding is a tough profession to be in. There are all sorts of sports events Indian kids can fit into and become world famous if they would set their goals and work hard to accomplish them.

2nd Annual Umatilla All Indian Invitational Baseball/Softball (fast pitch) Tournament

August 21, 22, 1992

Pendleton, Oregon

True Double Elimination

ENTRY FEE: \$100.00 (money orders only)

For further information contact: Gloria Jim at (503) 278-2560 or Ruth Spencer (503) 278-1829.

Tournament packets will be mailed upon notification

ALSO:

Boys division

(10-12 yr. old little league) and (13-15 yr. old Babe Ruth)

Girls division

(10-12 yr. old little girls fast pitch) and (13-15 yr. old Sr. girls fast pitch)

**Awards will be given for each age division.
Eight teams per division.**

softball fields.

Contact: Leon Strom at (509) 865-2939. Entries and rosters can be mailed to Sports Festival; P.O. Box 532; Toppenish, Washington 98948.

Women's Softball: Tentatively scheduled to be fast pitch, but due to there possibly not being enough team interest, will switch to slow pitch. Either way, 12 team limit, on first-come, first-serve basis. Entry fee is \$200 per team.

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Youth Baseball: Tentatively set for male and female. Entry fee \$125; boys and girls 12 years and under (cannot be 13 on or before August 1, 1992); baseball umpires; team awards; tournament starts and ends on Saturday, August 15; Jack Glass is coordinator. For further information contact Strom at (509) 865-2939 or Ronn Washines at 865-5121.

Volunteers: Volunteers are needed, especially for the track & field meet. Contact either of the above tournament or meet coordinators, or Strom.