

Sports

Buff girls win over The Dalles

As I see it!

The Madras White Buffalo girls basketball team was host to The Dalles Lady Indians, on Tuesday night Feb. 20, where the Madras girls came out the winners of a hard played game.

Right at the start The Dalles jumped out to an early lead and held the lead through the first half of the game. At the end of the first quarter the score was The Dalles 10, Madras 9.

In the second quarter it was mostly catch up for the Buff girls as The Dalles would build up a lead and the Buffs would catch up but not taking over on the lead. The Dalles got most of their scoring from Samantha Krier and Lindsey Johnson as they both scored 23 points apiece for the game.

Tiffinay Sperry was the high scorer for the Buffs as she poured in a total of 20 points for the evening. The Dalles girls were not so sharp at the foul line which could have made a big difference in the outcome of the game if they made more free shots. In the mean time Elise Hawes made 5 out of 7 free shots in the closing minutes to clinch the win for the Buff girls.

Lindsay Johnson got two three pointers for the visitors and CeCe Polk made one for the Buffs.

The scoring for The Dalles: Samantha Krier 23, Lindsey Johnson 23, Rachel Colbourne-Eagy 4, and Stephanie Hodges 2.

Scoring for Madras: Tiffinay Sperry 20, Tosha Wilson 12, Nicole Main 9, CeCe Polk 9, Elise Hawes 7, Tarash Sweeney 2.

Little League around the corner

Baseball season is upon us again and it is now time to get out the glove and shoes, as tryouts are right around the corner. The Warm Springs Little League needs to be prepared earlier, no last minute sign-ups. Following is an agenda for your information.

The coach's meeting is scheduled for February 26, 5:00 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center.

All players, coaches and parents are encouraged to turn out of the

cleaning of the ball fields. This is set for March 21, 1:00 p.m.

The tryouts are scheduled for March 26-27, 4:30 p.m. for the boys, and March 28-29, 4:30 p.m. for the girls.

All teams will begin practice on April 2, 2001 to prepare for the start of the season, which is April 16. With the exception of T-Ball, which will start April 23.

Minor All Stars for baseball are set for June 22-30, and for softball

July 1-8, 2001

Major All Stars for baseball are set for July 20-28, and for softball July 1-8, 2001

Juniors are set for July 13-16 for baseball, and July 6-9 for softball.

Warm Springs Little League has eight T-ball teams, four minor teams, three major teams, and two junior teams for a total of 295 participants total in Little League.

If your child is not signed up by March 19, a late fee of \$5.00 per

player will be assessed on your application.

You may pick up an application at the front office at the Community Wellness Center.

T-ball is \$10.00, Minor and Major is \$15.00, Junior's are \$20.00. Any household with three or more applicants is charged a family rate of \$30.00.

Please don't be left out, sign up now. For more information call 553-3243.

19th Annual Kah-Nee-Ta Mini Marathon will be held April 14

The 14.5 mile run will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the 10 K run, 3-mile run and 1-mile run/walk to begin at 10:00 a.m. The shuttle bus to Simnasho for the 14.5-mile start will leave Kah-Nee-Ta at 8:30 a.m.

All runs will be on blacktop pavement with terrain ranging from flat and rolling hills.

Medals will be given to the top

three places in all age divisions for both male and female runners.

Pre-registration cost is \$12, and includes a race T-shirt; it goes up to \$14 day of race. Cost without a T-shirt is \$8.

Information: Community Wellness Center, 2200 Hollywood Boulevard, Warm Springs, OR 97761, (541) 553-3244, fax 553-1361.

The 9th Annual Cougars All-Indian High School Basketball Tournament is set for March 16-18, 2001 at the Community Wellness Center and Madras High School.

Entry deadline is March 9.

For more information contact Austin Greene at 553-3243 (work) or 553-1953 (home).

The Warm Springs Cougars youth basketball tournament has been rescheduled for April 6, 2001.

For more information, contact Austin Greene at 553-3243.

Shoshone-Bannock tribes to host Winter Olympics

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes chosen as Host for Indian Nations Attending Winter Olympics

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes have accepted an offer from the Native American 2002 Foundation to host all Indian Nations during the XIX Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City in February 2002.

The Shoshone-Bannock Official Tribal Host Committee, a group of

local volunteers, is seeking people throughout the United States for subcommittees on education, information, marketing of arts and foods, performances, housing and transportation. Interested parties should contact Garth Towersap, Chairman at 208-478-3936 or 888-297-1378. Mail should be addressed to: Shoshone-Bannock Official Tribe Host Committee, P. O. Box 306, Fort Hall, Idaho 83203-0306.

2nd Annual White Swan Chiefs Men's Open Basketball Tournament
 8 Men per Team
 March 9th, 10th & 11th, 2001
 at the White Swan, WA High School Gym
 Entry Fee \$200 (\$75. will hold spot due March 7th)
 true double elimination bracket
 8 Championship jackets
 8 Runner-up ¼ zip sweatshirts
 8 Third place crewneck sweatshirts
 8 Fourth place long sleeve tee shirts
 8 Sportsmanship pullovers
 MVP jacket; Mr. Hustle jacket
 12 All-Star hooded sweatshirts
 Last year's results:
 1st-Seattle, 2nd-Muckleshoot
 3rd-Yakama Bucks, 4th-The "Yakamas" (El-Paso)
 More info contact Sid Owens at (509) 930-9222

Warm Springs Housing Authority announces upcoming events

Hey kids, win a trip to Hawaii or \$1,000 cash! Amerind Risk Management Corporation is currently taking entries for the 2001 National Fire and Home Safety Poster Contest.

Contact your housing authority for more information and an entry form at (541) 553-3250.

Housing news

Once again the Warm Springs Housing Department is pleased to announce that it is time to start preparing for the 2001 National Fire Safety and Home Safety Poster contest. Children from Kindergarten to eighth grade are encouraged to enter their posters displaying fire safe

and home safe messages that safety is important to our Native American Culture. The posters will be judged on a Regional Level and then on to the National level competing Nationwide with other Native American children.

Each year 3 poster contest winners are recognized for creating a "Safety" message. Amerind will be recognizing the 1st place winners in three categories—Grades K-3, 4-6, 7-8. The winning artist will have the opportunity to attend Amerind's 15th Annual Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii. If the winner does not wish to attend the meeting, he/she may choose a cash prize of \$1,000.

Children residing in Warm Springs or Madras, Oregon are encouraged to take their artwork to a new level—send a safety message. You may pick up an entry form from the Warm Springs Housing Department. All entries are to be submitted to the Warm Springs Housing Department. Deadline for applications is April 2, 2001.

Mutual help homeownership program:

Training for the selected eligible homebuyers who are required to attend four scheduled trainings. The next training will be covering Minor Prevention Maintenance and Budgeting. The Warm Springs Housing Maintenance personnel will be presenting the minor prevention maintenance topic along with Bernadette Handley, of OSU Extension who will also be presenting Budgeting.

HUD tenants, tribal tenants and community members, everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this training. The training will be located at the Education Building (old boys dorm) training room, March 13, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided. It is recommended that all who attend find a sitter for their children.

Housing would like to update

everyone this year. If you haven't already followed up with your recertification, housing recommends that you update your LHA housing application by including everyone in your home. Updating the income verification of anyone over the age of eighteen. That includes, but not limited to: work wages, social security, welfare assistance, child support, W-2s. Employment verification must be signed by the supervisor, and child care verification must be signed by the provider.

Greeley Heights phase V subdivision

The Warm Springs Housing Authority is proposing to undertake construction activities using federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A description of the project follows.

The Warm Springs Housing Authority is requesting a "Master lease" for approximately 33 acres in the Greeley Heights subdivision to build the required infrastructure (water, sewer, electrical, telephone), driveways and approximately 2800' of main road for 25 home sites. Home sites will average 1 acre in size and be located between Quail Trail and Mt. Jefferson Street. A plat map will be available for review at the Housing office.

As part of the development process, the Warm Springs Housing Authority is conducting an environmental review in accordance with the regulations at 25 CFR part 58. This letter is written to request your agency's review and comments regarding the planned project activity and whether it will have a significant impact on the environment and whether any mitigating actions are needed. Specifically, your agency should review any compliance issues relating to your department per "Statutory Checklist".

Your timely written response to this inquiry is appreciated. We would

like your response prior to March 2, 2001 (a letter will suffice). If additional information is needed, please contact Ray "Captain" Moody at 553-3250.

Housing would like to send a "Thank You" to the community for their awareness and fast response to the break in that occurred at Housing's Maintenance Shop.

Annual Reservation Clean Up

Reservation Clean Up is set for April 2 to April 30, 2001. Housing is seeking volunteers to help coordinate this year's clean up to assist with making decisions, develop action items, set due dates, establish outcomes desired for each task, and assign a person to complete each task.

Housing would like to ask the community to once again get involved in taking pride in our environment (Mother Earth). By volunteering to clean up litter in our parks, roadways, water ways, yard debris, cleaning up an illegal dumpsite, and assist the elderly or disabled who are unable to maintain their properties. Together we can make a difference by getting involved. There are so many ways we can become a part of the solution rather than the problem. The most important is to make a commitment to sustainability. Yes, it will require making some changes, and change can be difficult. But, to paraphrase Confucius, we are so busy doing the urgent, we don't make time for the truly important. Surely a healthy environment and improved quality of lives is worth working for.

Housing will be conducting the first scheduled meeting to start organizing for the Annual Reservation Clean Up. Community members are encouraged to attend and those departments who have taken an active role in this project. Snacks will be provided.

This meeting will be held at the Housing Department's conference

room on March 2, 2001, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Collections corner

Housings Collection Officer respectfully requests that all tenants and homebuyers pay their rent.

Commodity Food news

Greetings to all. So, what's all the excitement brewing at the Commodities Food Program these days? Toward the latter part of 2000, we introduced to our program participants three "new" types of Commodity products: the "fresh produce" (fruits/vegetables), "frozen hams" and the dried fruit "trail mix".

That's right, we now have fresh apples, oranges, pears, potatoes, carrots, and onions, just to name a few.

In addition to these new Commodity food items, we're beginning to see more and more of the "commercial labeling" arrive on our product, the same type of food labeling you would find on the shelves at your favorite supermarket. This new face of labeling is very exciting for us to offer you not only because of the improved appearance, but you can also read the "nutritional" value on every can, bag or box of food you can receive on a monthly basis. Stop in and pick up an application, we'll be glad to serve you.

Where we located? We're at 4217 Holiday Street, down the road from Fire Management/Forestry complex; just look for our "Open" sign in the window, or we can be reached at 553-3422.

Until next time...

Jon L. Brown III, Program Supervisor

Indian Business Talk

By Bruce Engle

Home Repair Financing—Sometimes finding money for home repairs is a problem. Occasionally, Senior Services or Social Services can't help for one reason or another. Tribal members can apply to the tribal Credit Enterprise for home repair loans at 5% and 6% rates.

USDA-Rural Development is another source of funding at even lower rates for repairs to remove health and safety hazards. They have a Redmond office and they want to do business in Indian Country.

They can provide a grant of up to a maximum of \$7,500 for very-low-income owners who are 62 years of age or older and who can't afford loan payments. The funding is limited to what congress and the president approve each year.

Their loan program is also for very-low-income owners and has a 1% interest rate. The loan limit is \$7,500 for this reservation at this time because of a new rule that allows Rural Development to make loans for repairs up to \$7,500 without having to take a mortgage on the property. Tribal sovereignty therefore does not become an issue for loan approval. Their loan funding is also limited so it is first-come-first-served.

To qualify, applicants must meet the Rural Development definition of very-low-income & have "acceptable credit".

Very-low-income families are defined as having an adjusted income that is less than 50% of the average income for the county they live in and for their family size. For example: a 1-person household in Jefferson County might qualify if the income does not exceed \$13,150; a family of 2 could earn up to \$15,000; the maximum for a family of three is \$16,900 and its \$18,750.00 for a family of four; \$20,250 for 5; \$21,750 for six; \$23,250 for seven; and \$24,750 for a family of eight. These are year 2000 rates. They often change around February so they might be a bit higher now.

To compute your adjusted income, start with gross income and subtract \$480.00 for each child in the household and \$400.00 if a senior citizen lives there. Childcare expenses can also be deducted. You can pick up a worksheet at the Credit Enterprise with a more detailed explanation of what income must be counted and what may be excluded.

Acceptable credit—(not perfect credit)—means no bankruptcies discharged in the last three years; no outstanding collection accounts or judgments, and no more than two late pays within the last year. There are some other requirements but that is the general idea.

For more information and Loan Applications you can call the Credit Enterprise at 553-3201 or Rural Development at 923-4358.