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Grand Entry on Saturday at the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow.

Shooting team to compete

By Dave McMechan
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Joanna Williams of the Simnasho area will be traveling to a shooting competition this month in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Williams is part of the Madras High School Junior ROTC rifle team that will compete against other teams at the Olympic training facility at Colorado Springs.

The event is the 2004 Western Region Marksmanship Championship for Junior ROTC.

Williams is a freshman this year. Her parents are George and Betty Williams. She became interested in Junior ROTC, she said, because her dad wanted me to be involved in something educational.

The Junior ROTC shooting team practices three times a week at the High Desert Shooting Facility near the Ma-



Joanna Williams

dras Airport. The range allows free use for the students.

For the upcoming competition, 53 students tried out, and the 12 best shooters, including Williams, were chosen to go. Those attending also must

have good grades.

During the competition, the shooters stand 33 feet from a target, and fire pellet rifles. The competition is Feb. 26-28. The team and the Junior ROTC leaders will fly out of the Redmond Airport, to Portland, and then on to Colorado. This will be Williams first time on an airplane.

Teams will be there from across the U.S., also from Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and other places. There will be a couple thousand students competing.

"It's a chance for our students to meet students from all over," said Junior ROTC instructor Paul Viscaino.

He said the event kicks off with an opening ceremony, followed by the two-day competition, and concluding with an awards ceremony. The top three teams in each event will qualify to go to the national competition in March.

Buffalo boys post two victories

By Sid Miller
Publisher Emeritus

The Madras White Buffalo boys basketball team squeaked by the LaSalle Falcons, 55-53, on their home floor Feb. 10, for a Tri-Valley League victory.

All eyes are focusing on a trip to Corvallis for the State 3-A Tournament just around the corner in March.

Against LaSalle the Buffs jumped out with a 14-9 first quarter lead. But LaSalle came storming back, out-scoring the Buffs 20-8, and held a 29-22 lead at halftime.

The third quarter was pretty even, as the White Buffaloes scored 17 and LaSalle, 15. LaSalle held a slight lead at the end of three periods, with the score 44-39.

The final quarter was the clincher for the Buffaloes, as they out-scored the Falcons 16-9, and held on to their two-point margin to come out winners.

Against Estacada

The White Buffalo boys basketball team played Estacada on Feb. 12, winning the game 71-47.

Joey McConnell of the Buffaloes

had three 3-pointers in the game, and went on to score a total of 18 points to lead his team in scoring.

Dominique Easterling scored 16 points despite being heavily guarded by the Rangers.

The Buffs jumped right out to a 22-12 lead at the end of the first quarter, and never looked back. As the half-time buzzer sounded, the Buffs held a 37-17 lead.

There were several turnovers by the Rangers, and the Buffs capitalized on them to build their lead.

The White Buffs handled the backboards pretty well, even though the Rangers had the height advantage.

Every time the Buffs would make a run on the Rangers by scoring three or four baskets, the Rangers would call time out to try to stop the Buffs' momentum. During the timeouts the band would strike out with, "Hang on Sloopy."

At the end of three periods the Madras White Buffaloes had a 56-32 lead. In the final quarter the Buffs went on a 25-point scoring binge, versus 15 for the Rangers, to come up with the 71-47 victory.

Lady Buffs defeat LaSalle

The Madras White Buffalo girls basketball team beat LaSalle Feb. 10 by a score of 49-45.

It was a 16-9 start that kept the Madras girls ahead of the visiting lady Falcons of LaSalle. And Madras held a 25-15 halftime margin.

Rylee Sweeney outscored the field with 12 points for the victorious lady Buffs.

Tara Praw chipped in 10 points. Elise Hawes was the lone three-point producer for Madras, as she popped in one. And was six of nine at the foul line for a total of nine points.

She also had several rebounds to her credit. Susan Ahern added seven points with three field goals and one of two at the foul line.

Raylene Ike-Thomas had a good game both on defense and offense.

She scored six points. Jaylyn Suppah was very instrumental under both baskets, getting rebounds and causing turnovers. She had a field goal and went three of four at the line.

Maurica Cortez did not score but she played a tough game on defense.

Budget notice

The following is the proposed Tribal Supplemental Budget for Calendar Year 2004:

This proposed Tribal Supplemental Budget is posted for the information of enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes. This budget will authorize the expenditure of General Fund resources to provide additional funds to the Senior Citizen's Pension Fund (the Fund) in 2004. More detailed budget information will be distributed at budget hearings this month and in March, or can be requested from the tribes' budget department, finance branch at the main administration building.

The Tribal Council and management understand that the Senior Citizen Pension Plan is an important source of income for our seniors and are actively pursuing ways to insure its financial health and long-term viability. Tribal Council's action in late 2003 to " earmark " a portion of additional (unbudgeted) revenues from Warm Springs Power Enterprise was the first step in this process. This additional revenue is the result of the tribes' interest in the Pelton Hydroelectric Project. This financing allowed Warm Springs Power Enterprise to distribute additional revenue to the tribal government in the form of a dividend.

When the Senior Citizen Pension Fund was established in 1986, both the Tribal Council and tribal management realized, at that time, that the initial contribution of \$5.0 million to the fund would not ensure sufficient funding for all future distributions. However, it wasn't until 1999 that Tribal Council began to approve the transfer of additional funding to supplement the Fund. Since that time, an additional \$1.970 million has been transferred to the fund.

Without a significant increase to

the Fund, the balance in the Fund will continue to decrease as the number of tribal members reaching retirement age grows. Annual withdrawals from the Fund have increased from \$582,000 in 1995 to \$1.03 million in 2003. The Tribal Council has contributed additional money to the Fund in each of the last 5 years. The resources available for these contributions have been made available from carryover funds not spent in the prior year. The government's focus on spending appropriated funds in a prudent manner has made these carryover appropriations possible. However, budget cuts over this same time period have reduced our ability to generate budget savings (unspent appropriations). There will not be enough carryover budget authority from 2003 to enable the Tribal Council to contribute the \$1 million dividend from Warm Springs Power Enterprise into the Fund without this supplemental budget authorization.

This supplemental budget will allow the Tribal Council to appropriate \$1 million into the Fund in 2004. In the long run, there will need to be additional contributions to the Fund in order to maintain its solvency.

This 2004 proposed Supplemental Tribal Budget was approved for posting by the Tribal Council in accordance with Tribal Appropriation Ordinance No. 67, and Article V, Section 1 (t) of the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws, as amended. This budget will be posted at the main Administration building, at the Warm Springs Post Office and at the Simnasho Long House.

Charles V. Jackson, Secretary-Treasurer.

Garland Brunoe, Tribal Council Chairman.

Dated January 30, 2004.

IDA classes teach financial skills

Tribal Members: Warm Springs Individual Development Accounts (IDA) program hours are 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday. We have started our fourth session of the IDA "Financial Skills For Families" classes, Monday nights from 6 until 9 p.m. Budgeting classes are free and depend-

ing on funding availability there are some open slots to enroll into the IDA Program for the Matching Funding. 3240 Walsey Lane office suite space No. 5. Call Shawnele Surplus, Community Action Team Leader, 553-3148. Jack Quinn, IDA program coordinator, 553-2542.

Warm Springs basketball tourney in March

Warm Springs in March will be hosting an open Gathering of Nations six-foot and under basketball tournament.

The tourney is set for March 12-14 at the Warm Springs Community Center.

First-place prizes are jackets. Awards for first through fourth; most valuable player; high scorer; and most 3-pointers.

There is a \$250 entrance fee. Contact bracket man Big Rat

Suppah, at (541) 553-9151 after 6 p.m.

Rick Minthorn is the tournament director. He can be reached at 553-9087. Also, Andy Leonard of the Community Center can be reached for information at 553-3243.

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