

# Middle school football squad finishes perfect season

By Brian Mortensen  
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When a football team, coming off a one-win season, loses its starting tailback to injury and another key player isn't able to play for the whole season, expectations for the coming season might be understandably low.

But the Jefferson County Middle School eighth grade team, which featured 16 players either from Warm Springs or of Native American descent, overcame all expectations by going undefeated through the recently completed six-game season.

The season ended with the Junior White Buffalos' 26-0 win over county rival Culver in a night game at Madras High School.

"We had a great core of players," said Butch David, who coached receivers, defensive backs and special teams under head coach Jeff Randle.

"On a junior high team, you



Photo courtesy Geoff Randle

The Junior White Buffalos include (bottom row, from left) Cameron Scranton, Ricardo Bernidino, Kaylee Ramey, Victor Cisneros, James Snelling, Geoff Stewart, Keenan Stovall, Omar Villa, Brandyn Jasa, Jacoby Frank, Leander Smith, (second from bottom, from left), Garrett Mauritsen, Caleb Pugh, Ethan Adams, Emerson Culpus, Kevin Gurganis, Martin Brown, Ricardo Torres, Marco Olivera, Nathan Monroe, Colton Kirk, Carlos Aguirre, Ambrose Meanus, (second from top, from left), Leslie Robinson, Trent Centre, Tyler Larrea, Luke Beardsley, Forrest Ortiz, Eloy Pacheco, Josh Roth, Hazen Davis, Fred Romero, Sam Scheidman, Tim Red Dog, (back row, from left) Coach Shawn Smith, Stanley Simtustus, Andrew Bright, Josh Fuller, Keegan O'Brien, Troy Sam-Smith, Woody Williams, Tyler Bruck, LaRonn Katchia, Stefan Sutterlee, Evan Taylor, Head Coach Geoff Randle, Coach Will Whitlock, Coach Butch David.

usually have two or three good players, but we had at least 20 players who really stood out. We had so much talent you couldn't key on one guy." And this is from a group of players who had only one victory during its seventh

grade season. From that group, its starting tailback broke his leg before the season started, and he couldn't play. But with the difference of a year in maturity, increased strength, and football experi-

ence, the Junior Buffs were able to raise up three good running backs this season - and ended up using one as a tight end, one that ran pass patterns and occasionally ran out of the backfield, a luxury at the junior high level.

The team also had two solid quarterbacks. Most junior high-level teams do their best to cultivate one solid quarterback to promote to high school play.

Almost as remarkable as the team winning all of its games

was that the Junior Buffs started the season with 40 players and ended it with 40 players.

"One of the coaches mentioned this, and I didn't even realize it until he said it, that everybody got along," David said. "And that's very rare at the eighth grade. It was very cool to coach this group."

Not only was the Junior Buffalos' season finale against Culver under the lights at Madras High, it was broadcast live on KWSO, which also broadcasts some Madras High varsity football games.

The game was also the first "High Desert Cup" game, the beginning of a series between the two Jefferson County rivals. The series was a product of the relationship between the Madras school and the Culver school.

David serves as an attendance liaison for the middle school, and is a Madras High School graduate. He has been a volunteer coach at the middle school for four years.

# Squiemphen teaches art of drummaking

By Cody Yeager  
Educational services

Tribal members and visitors from out of town attended a recent drum-making class in Warm Springs.

Emerson Squiemphen was the teacher, and the class was sponsored by Central Oregon Community College Warm Springs.

Eighteen people attended the course. The students included eight tribal members and people from all over the COCC service district, including Sunriver, LaPine, Prineville, Bend, Redmond, and Sisters.

Two people came from out of state, one from Seattle and one from the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma.

The class began at 9 a.m. on



Photo courtesy of Cody Yeager

Emerson Squiemphen demonstrates drummaking techniques.

Oct. 30, and students were treated to fresh hot muffins, doughnuts, fruit, juice, tea and coffee. After putting on name tags, everyone settled down to work

and a bargain. Cost of the class was \$29 for over six hours of instruction.

Lunch was a hefty potluck, with salmon donated by the Confederated Tribes for the class.

Everyone brought rolls, vegetables, and desserts. Before lunch, Dallas Winishut of the Culture and Heritage Department sang for the class and explained traditions surrounding food and meals.

Emerson Squiemphen, Tonto Heath, and Winishut sang for the class and drummed.

The class made drumsticks for the drums after lunch. Everyone went away with a beautiful drum and a full belly.

The students agreed the experience was fun, educational

Other COCC news:

On Thursday, Nov. 18, COCC Warm Springs will hold its next *Celilo, Salmon, and Smoke* seminar at High Looksee Lodge.

The program will start at noon and will last about one and a half hours. For the seminar last month, 42 people attended.

The topic for the Nov. 18 program will be "Fire in the Mountains: The Cascade Volcanoes."

It's free, but if people want lunch, they should call High Looksee Lodge at 553-1182 in advance and order lunch for \$3.

## Council seeks candidates for Miss Warm Springs

The Warm Springs Tribal Council is looking for the next Miss Warm Springs.

Any single young lady between the ages of 18 and 24 with no children is eligible.

The Tribal Council is able to work with anyone currently in college, if they meet the qualifications and would like to represent the tribes in a "positive, sincere, and dignified manner," to promote tribal culture.

The Miss Warm Springs pageant is Dec. 29 at the Agency Lighthouse.

Anyone interested is encouraged to contact the Tribal Council Office at 553-3257. Applications may be picked up from either Doris Miller or Fritz Miller at Tribal Council by Dec. 23.

## Vehicle Pool: helping youth gain experience

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The class was through Central Oregon Community College.

In the same way, Moody welcomes summer apprentices through the tribes' Work Expe-

rience Development Department (WEDD).

"We always provide employment for summer youth," he said. "We also train individuals who want to pursue a career in mechanics."

Gordon Scott was a summer youth worker at the Vehicle

Pool. He then went on to college, and is now the youngest mechanic on staff. His position is limited duration, and Scott will soon be returning to college.

When other youths see workers like Scott, they become interested in the field and consider a career that way, said Moody.

## Johnson: family tradition continues

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Jodel made a commitment that prevented her from operating the shop for a time.

Jodel said, "I'm so proud of Jenna. She ran the coffee shop this summer when I was gone. She still found time to ride her horse and compete. She even rode my horses in the jackpot rodeos. I'm very proud of her." When asked about her own rodeo plans, Jodel says she is devoting more time to her family.

She also said, "I enjoy watching my daughter Jenna and 10-year-old son Bryce compete much more than I do competing myself. When Jenna wins and waxes me, I get much more satisfaction and pleasure out of it than when I win." She says it's time

for her to start helping her mother and sister train future barrel horses for the family, and help her son progress in Peewee rodeos. Bryce competes in barrels and says he's ready to start breakaway roping.

The young cowgirl has become somewhat of a celebrity. Lynda Lanker, a celebrated artist in Eugene, noticed the Columbia River Rodeo Circuit website which included Jenna as their reigning queen and top young competitor. Lanker has been working on a project featuring cowgirls and ranch women since 1992. Lanker started photographing her at the White Swam rodeo. She then contacted Jenna, and set up a meeting. A couple of days before the Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days celebration this year, Lanker photographed, sketched and worked on material to include the teenaged cowgirl in the

project. Jenna was on horseback, dressed in full regalia. When completed, the project will include 56 women from twelve Western states. A book and exhibition, and interviews will be the culmination of a more than decade-long project for Lanker.

Jenna was also featured in the Oregonian last summer, as well as the Indian Rodeo News website.

Jenna will be heading down the rodeo road again next season, and she will be getting plenty of advice from Grandmother Marita. Her mother, aunts, brother and grandpa will be cheering her on! Lets not forget the Johnson family rodeo mascots Daisy and Elvis. These two rodeo dachshunds will also be cheering her on! It's the Johnson Family Tradition.

## Election: Committee plans to stay active

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Of the now 824 registered voters on the reservation, 374 (45 percent) are registered Democrats. Among Warm Springs voters, 387 voted for Democratic challenger John F. Kerry, for 74 percent, while 111 voted for Bush. Seven others voted for third-party candidates or write-in candidates.

One hundred voters on the reservation are registered Republicans, while 317 are not af-

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filiated with a political party.

Though they could not vote in Tuesday's General Election, several people claimed the opportunity to vote in future elections by registering to vote Tuesday.

"There are other issues that come up, like school bonds, that are important for us to get involved in, so we'll continue with registration efforts," Rhoan said.

Miller said she wanted to thank everyone who was involved in the voter registration effort and encouraged everyone who registered and voted to stay informed.

"I'd like them to remember to watch the people they voted for and watch what they do and how they vote and to see what happens with the issues," she said.

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