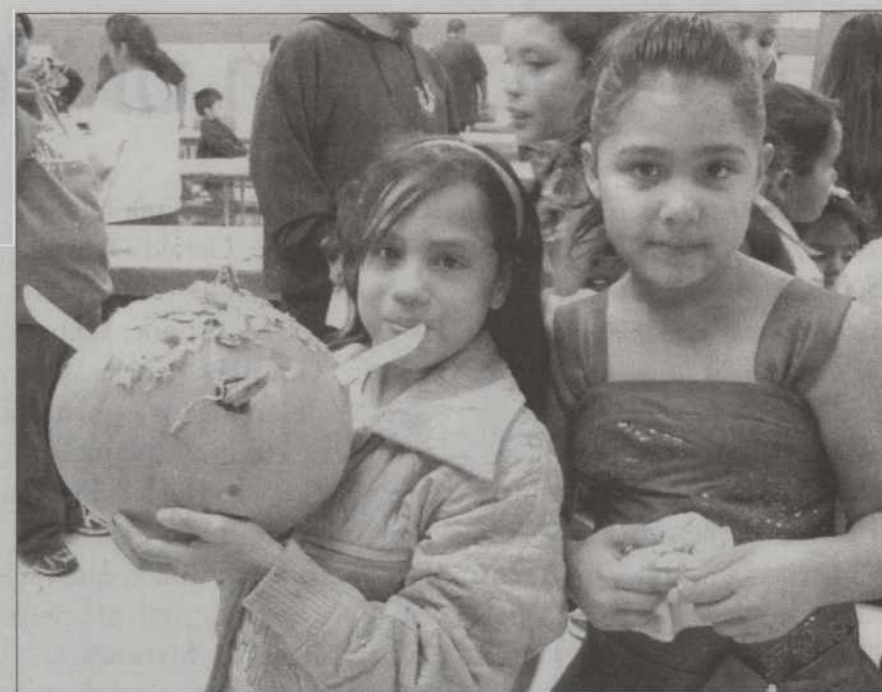


Halloween Style



Lillian Heath and Margaret Switzler arrive Monday for the Costume Contest.

Spilyay staff photos.



Pumpkin carving at Community Center.



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Great season for White Buffs football

By Will Robbins
for the Spilyay

The Madras White Buffalo varsity football team finished the regular season with a record of 4-4.

The last time that happened was nine years ago when Dan Hiatt was head coach. Since then the White Buffs were shuffled like a deck of cards into different leagues and struggled to get wins against schools with larger player pools...

And then there was that one notorious season when Madras played an independent league schedule but couldn't qualify for any post season action, leaving fans wondering if the program would just fade into obscurity.

But many of those wrinkles are getting smoothed out, and it seems that the football program at MHS is back on track.

More importantly there is a resurrection of legitimacy

under first-year Head Coach Rick Wells, who routinely says one of the goals is that other Tri Valley League teams will come to respect Madras as a winning program.

Winning is something the boys did well this year. Led by senior quarterback Drew McConnell and defensive back Travis Williams, Madras worked to a 500 season.

There were other key players who made up the story of the 2011 team as well. Joe Hisatake, Rodney Mitchell, Devin Ceciliani, Jordan Brown, Merlin Tom, Vernon Jackson-Smith, Anthony Allbritton and Eric Quintana.

Probably one of the biggest contributors was Triston Smith. As punter Smith regularly kicked the ball so deep that opponents struggled to advance the ball down field.

Of course there are more players that make up the team, but these are the names that were called out the most during exclusive broadcasts on KWSO.

This Friday the White Buffs

compete for a post season birth. Their opponent is the Banks Braves, who play in the Cowapa League and have lost only one game.

They are also ranked nineteenth in 4A. Madras is ranked twenty-ninth.

Thirty-two teams will compete this Friday in the so-called "play in" game that will establish the 16 teams that will compete for the 4A State title.

Though Madras is the stated underdog in this one, those words uttered by Kevin Garnett after the Celtics won the NBA title are now beginning to sound louder, "Anything is Possible!"

Coach Wells agrees and hopes his team will do those small things that make a big difference.

Friday night's game kicks off at 7 p.m. from Banks High School. KWSO will broadcast the game live with Will "The Wilman" Robbins beginning at 6:50 pm.

Teleco: some service for \$1 per month

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The Warm Springs teleco is the ninth tribal teleco in the U.S., and like the other tribal telecos, WSTC serves a rural community. In time about 1,000 local homes and businesses will have access to the company's services.

Some of the homes currently have no phone service. The teleco will bring broadband internet and phone service to these and other homes, the businesses and departments on the reservation. This will be done through a wireless system.

For some low-income residents, a program exists to provide phone service for \$1 per month.

Sales and marketing

Gabe Walker brings outstanding sales experience and skills to the Warm Springs teleco.

Before joining the teleco,

Walker was working at T-Mobile in Redmond, where he was in the top 5 percent in sales out of 50,000 employees. He led a team of 15 representatives, focusing on customer retention.

"I've been in the corporate world for eight years," Walker said. Of the Warm Springs teleco, he said, "This is something I've wanted to do, to be a part of a great business that is just starting out."

Walker spent his teenage years in Warm Springs. He then worked at Verizon Wireless before joining T-Mobile six years ago. The teleco provided a chance for him to bring his sales and marketing experience back to the reservation.

"A main objective for our marketing is making sure the public knows what we're trying to do for the community," he said, "and making sure the price

A powerful selling point of the teleco is that it will help keep people connected to family and friends.

is right."

One purpose of the teleco is bringing service to residents who have had no service in the past, which is a safety issue. "One objective for us is public safety," Walker said. "Some families have no 9-1-1 service, and our objective is to bring them that service."

"The most powerful selling point of the teleco," he said, "is that we're keeping people connected to family and friends. This opens doors for everybody."

Battle over proposed Spokane casino continues

AIRWAY HEIGHTS, Wash. (AP) - Spokane County commissioners were barred from commenting when business leaders opposed to a new Indian casino asked them for help in defining Fairchild Air Force Base.

The Spokesman-Review reported commissioners are bound to remain silent under a deal in which the county would receive payments to offset the effects of the Spokane Tribe's casino and hotel development.

Commissioner Mark Richard defended the intergovernmental agreement that requires commissioners to remain neutral on the casino project, which is under consideration by the U.S. Department of Indian Affairs.

The Spokane Tribe's proposal is a hotly disputed issue in Spokane County, in part because the proposed casino would be close to the Kalispel Tribe's Northern Quest casino resort on the west-

ern outskirts of Spokane. The Spokane Tribe's proposed casino needs federal permission because it would be located off their reservation.

County commissioners Al French and Todd Mielke are looking for ways to regain their ability to influence the decision on permitting a 14-story casino hotel near the flight path of Fairchild training missions.

The hotel is the sort of "encroachment" that would weigh against Fairchild in another round of military base closures expected in 2014, according to Greg Bever, past chairman of Greater Spokane Incorporated, the region's economic development agency.

"We need the county's voice on this issue," Bever told commissioners this week.

Bever and Greater Spokane President Rich Hadley opposed the Spokane's casino proposal in a Sept. 12 letter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

"We are concerned that the 4,500 jobs at FAFB will be placed at risk if a major casino resort complex is developed," they wrote.

In addition to navigational interference, they cited concerns about putting large concentrations of people in the path of hundreds of monthly flights at less than 2,000 feet from the ground.

Richard said he felt "kind of ambushed" by Bever's comments. He said he supported the Spokane Tribe's Airway Heights proposal as a matter of fairness. While the Kalispel Tribe already has an Airway Heights casino, the Spokanes are "the tribe for which this community is named," Richard said.

Spokane Tribe Chairman Greg Abrahamson said Wednesday the project poses no navigational threat to Fairchild or the nearby Spokane International Airport.

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