

Rodeo: First time National Finals in C.O.

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Cost to enter is \$7 for those over the age of 6. Under 5, free.

First for region

There will be six teams competing in the Team Bronc Riding National Finals:

Team Agin from Solvang, Calif; the Jason Smith Team, Warm Springs; Spud Smith Jr. Team, Madras; James Federer Team, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Atcitty Begay Team, Warm Springs; and the Bill Caporgane Team, Tres Pinos, Calif.

The three Central Oregon teams in the Finals—the Jason Smith Team, Atcitty Begay Team, and the Spud Smith Jr. Team—are former National Champions.

This will be the first time that Central Oregon is hosting the Team Bronc Riding National Finals. The fairgrounds opera-



Team Bronc Riding, including Jason Smith and Atcitty Begay teams, at Lakeview Roundup, September 2011.

tor is familiar with the event, though, from previous rodeos at the venue, said Jason Smith.

These sponsors are supporting the event:

Bottoms Up Catering, Identity Zone, Indian Head Casino, Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, Warm

Springs Market, Outlaw Men, Joel Florendo (Mutton Cattle Co.), Phoenix Enterprises.

Columbia State Bank, King Mountain (Delbert and Trina Wheeler), Les Schwab Tire Center in Madras, Smith, Spud and Mary Kay, Blue Mountain Lum-

ber Products, Reynolds Weed Service, and Trout Creek Barbecue.

The stock contractors for the competition are Haverly Bucking Bulls; Smith Ranches and Wild Horses; Outlaw Rodeo, and Dry Creek Boys.

Almost Little League registration time

Warm Springs Nation Little League will be starting up here in a couple of months.

The Warm Springs Recreation Department will be assisting with the registration for the Little League program.

The Recreation Department will be out in the area handing out registration packets on the following days:

Thursday, Jan. 26 at the administration building, from 1:30-3:15 p.m..

Tuesday, Feb. 7 at administration from 9:30-11:45 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 9 at the Warm Springs Market from 1:30-3:15 p.m.

This application will be used for both the Little League and T-Ball.

The Little League season will start on or around April 1. The T-Ball season will start on or around May 7.

When returning your application, make sure it is accompanied by proof of residence (x3); copy of child birth certificate (if this is the child's first year in little league).

The more applications, the better. "It will give the Little league board a better idea of

how many teams they will need in each division," said Cena Wolfe, of the Recreation Department.

Proof of residence must have your street address on it, as well as be dated on or before February 1 of this year.

The most commonly used proof are: Oregon Drivers license, light bill, school demographics. Also, on that note, you need to make sure that every one of your forms of proof has the same wording.

The fee for this year little league are as follows:

Little League

Pre-Registration cost (before March 9)

\$20 for first player, \$10 per additional player (\$40 household maximum).

Late registration cost (after March 9)

\$30 for first player, \$10 per additional player (\$50 household maximum).

T-ball League

Pre-Season cost (before March 9), \$10 per player.

Late registration cost (after March 9), \$15 per player.

If you have any question please call the Recreation Office at 541-553-3243.

MHS boys varsity basketball update

(The Madras High School White Buffalo boys varsity basketball team plays LaSalle away this Friday, and then at home against Molalla on Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. They beat Estacada 68-56 on Jan. 20. Here is a run-down of two earlier games.)

By Sid Miller
Publisher Emeritus

The Madras White Buffalo varsity boys were never in any trouble throughout the game as they beat the LaPine Hawks 80-50 in non-league action Jan. 10.

The Buffs jumped out to a 24-6 first-quarter lead. It was one of those games where things seem to fall right in place, even though they did make some mistakes, that didn't seem to have any effect on them.

When the buzzer sounded to the first half the score was 42-16. This was a game where all the kids got to see

action, and even had one player foul out, as Erik Quintana was whistled for five fouls and had to leave the game.

Bobby Ahern led the scoring with 22 points. Andrew McConnell had 14, Jhaylen Yeahquo, 11, Quintana, 12.

Earlier, the boys dropped a non-league game in overtime to the visiting Crook County Cowboys on Jan. 5, by the score of 70-62.

At the end of regulation play the score was 59 each. In the overtime period the Cowboys managed to score 11 points while the Buffs could only score 3, which gave the visitors the winning margin.

Throughout the game the score was close all the way. The Buffs hit a dryspell in the final period, and the Buffs were pretty cold at the foul line, hitting just 16 of 29. Jhaylen Yeahquo led the scoring for the Buffs with 14.

MHS girls varsity at home on Friday

The Madras White Buffalo varsity girls basketball team continued their winning season on Jan. 20 with a 63-36 win against Estacada. On Jan. 19 they beat Gladstone 55-50, had a 2-0 record in league play, as of Tuesday.

Their game on Tuesday of this week was at North Marion. The girls play at home on Friday, Jan. 27 against LaSalle. Here is a run-down of an earlier game.

The Madras White Buffalo

girls traveled to Crook County early this month and came away with a win by the score of 49-42. Abby Scott led the scoring for the Buffs, as she poured in a total of 27 points during the non-league game on the Crook County home floor.

The Buffs led 11-8 at the end of the first quarter, and led 18-14 at halftime. Mariah Stacona added 15 points for the Buffs, as the freshman guard had a good game.

Madras prep sports schedule

Wednesday, Jan. 25

In Madras Prep Sports, Freshman/Sophomore wrestling will be at Summit High School beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 27

Madras Prep Sports - Girls' Freshmen, JV and Varsity basketball teams host LaSalle. Games are at 5:30, 5:45 and 7:00 p.m. Boys basketball is at LaSalle.

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Freshman, JV and Varsity boys basketball will host games vs. Molalla. The girls teams travel to Molalla.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

In Madras Prep Sports, Freshman/Sophomore wrestling will be at Mountain View High School for the novice championships.

Mt. Jefferson Rocky Mountain goats thriving

(AP) - The population of Rocky Mountain goats on Mount Jefferson is growing, but hunters, hikers and mountain climbers are not likely to encounter the high-climbing animal.

"It's big country and there are not many goats, so they are hard to find," said state wildlife biologist Corey Heath.

The animals were reintroduced to the area about two years ago.

Heath said about 45 of the goats are roaming the high country around Oregon's second-tallest mountain, a 10,495-foot volcano 50 miles northwest of Bend.

The animals are returning to the mountain after an absence of about 150 years.

Half of the mountain is on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs teamed up with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for the July 2010 release of 45 goats.

The animals were set free on a remote portion of the 640,000-acre reservation.

The Rocky Mountain goat is culturally significant to the tribes as a source for both spirituality and food, said Clay Penhollow,



Rocky Mountain Goat.

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a spokesman for the tribes.

"It is important to have them back here," he said.

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number of settlers grew in Central Oregon in the 1800s, Heath said. The species was all but gone by the 1850s, in part because of overhunting.

The state began mountain goat reintroduction in the 1950s by releasing five of the animals - captured from northern Washington - to the Wallowa Mountains in Eastern Oregon.

Now Eastern Oregon is a stronghold for mountain goats. Statewide, there are about 800 of the animals, about half of

those in the Elkhorn range.

The Mount Jefferson goats were lured into traps by state scientists using salt licks in the Elkhorn range in 2010.

Shortly after the release, three of the mountain goats died, according to the state. But there don't appear to be any other deaths, and some of the surviving goats reportedly now have kids in tow.

Heath said efforts to find and count the goats last summer proved difficult, with state scientists only tracking three animals. Airborne expeditions were more successful and during a flight last month, scientists found all nine of the goats carrying VHF radio collars. Another seven goats are being tracked through GPS collars.

The state is considering releasing 20 more goats on Mount Jefferson this summer, according to Steven George, a state wildlife biologist.

If the goat population on Mount Jefferson passes 50 and stays above that number for five years, there could be tribal hunts for the mountain goats on the reservation, state scientists have said.

Little League clinic for umpires

Are you interested in helping out in your local league? Have you ever been called out of the stands to help umpire?

Need to shake off the rust for the coming season? Have you umpired, but are never quite sure if you're doing it correctly?

If you answered yes to any of these questions or if you want to improve your skills, this event might be for you. Oregon Little League District 3 is sponsoring a Little League accredited umpire mechanics clinic which features:

Instructors from Western Region Headquarters, who will teach at the event;

Personalized instruction on plate mechanics. At least three sessions using pitching machines under close instructor supervision;

The opportunity to ask questions of umpires with Regional and World Series experience. This is your chance to meet other umpires from your area and make new contacts.

Lunch is provided on both Saturday and Sunday. Each student receives a hat from

the clinic. If you have questions, you can contact Lee Engblom at 541-278-1705 (h), 541-377-3120 (c), or e-mail:

leengblom@msn.com

The student is responsible for their own lodging. All umpires must bring their own equipment including a protective cup for male umpires.

Advanced Registration is strongly recommended. Registration per student is only \$100. Fee must accompany registration form. If your local league is paying, you can send one check with all of the registration forms. Registrations and fees received after February 15 will be \$115. No refunds after March 1.

The clinics are as follows: Friday, March 9, 6-9 p.m. (rules class optional).

Saturday, March 10, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 11, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

The 2012 Little League Umpire Western Region Outreach Clinic will be at the Sunridge Middle School, 700 SW Runion Ave., Pendleton.

Healthy Breakfast schedule

The following is a schedule for the next several months of Healthy Breakfasts at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center. The breakfasts are in the kitchen conference room from 9-9:45 a.m., presented by the IHS Warm Springs Diabetes Program and the Tribal Nutrition Program:

Feb. 14: presenter, Valerie Cooper, medication safety.

Feb. 28: Linda Porter, carbohydrate information

March 13: Edmund Francis, physical activity.

March 27: Jeri Kollen, What is diabetes?

April 10: Linda Porter, Small bites add up.

April 24: Jeri Kollen, diabetes complications.

May 8: Montell Elliott, diabetes prevention.

Diabetes Awareness Support Group

The support group meets on the third Tuesday of the month (no meeting in Feb.) from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Warm Springs Senior Center. The next meeting is on

March 20 with Dr. Creelman.

The group meeting is presented by the Warm Springs Model Diabetes Program and the Warm Springs Senior Program.