

White Buffalos gain postseason berth

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If you are a fan of high school football, fundraising barbecues, raffle drawings and glitzy evening gowns, then last Friday at Madras High School was a doozy.

The chilly fall air was not enough to contain the smell of a BBQ fundraiser, and you could literally feel a certain bit of excitement coming from the grandstands, which filled up early in anticipation of a large homecoming crowd.

It was also Senior Recognition Night, when 18 football players and two cheerleaders stood before the capacity crowd to be recognized before family and friends.

And of course there was a little football game in between, a game as big as they get for the White Buffs.



Team meeting before start of Homecoming game.

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A tale of two teams

Friday night's Tri Valley League season finale couldn't have been scripted any better. The Home team White Buffalos were looking for a

win that would place them in a state play-in game.

On the other side were the Estacada Rangers, who were in a similar situation: A win for Estacada would ex-

tend their season by one more week and knock the White Buffs out.

A win by Madras would extend the White Buffs' season but not necessarily knock

the Rangers out.

And so it began, like many games before, except this Estacada would dare to kick to Devin Ceciliani, who let the ball go by for a touch back.

Quarter back Steele Hagen would run for 6 yards, Joe Hisatake would touch the ball twice for 12 yards, and then on the fourth possession of the game Ceciliani would break free on a 61 yard pass from Steel Haugen. Ceciliani cruised into the end zone for the first score of the night.

Derrick Pacheco would add the first of four extra point kicks, and the stage was set for another important Tri Valley League win.

Improved defense

In this final game of the season the Madras white Buffalos would try some different plays.

They would also step up defensively. All season Madras struggled against the run. Opponents would capitalize

on the White Buff weakness and run up yards like they were on a close out sale.

It seemed that no matter what the White Buffs did, opposing offenses would simply run, run, run... until they were satisfied Madras would not be able to catch up.

Last Friday, Madras held Estacada to fewer than 100 yards rushing and receiving.

The Rangers did get on the score board near the end of the first quarter, but were silenced the rest of the way.

Estacada also made a long 18-play drive that chewed up the game clock, but netted zero points for the visiting team.

Coach Rick Wells said after the game, "Every play, our kids understand that we can make a play and do things right. We just stepped up and did what we needed to do when we needed to do it."

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Concert kicks off Big Brothers Big Sisters recruiting

Sarah J. Frank
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A traditional Prayer Song by Carlos Calica opened the Star Nayea concert at the Warm Springs Community Center.

Star Nayea is the national Native spokesperson for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program. She is also a Native Grammy and Native American Music Awards artist.

Her mission is to educate, cultivate and motivate the minds and hearts of communities who need to embrace the vital and life-changing importance of becoming a youth and teen mentor.

Star shared her story of being stolen from her people and raised in an abusive fos-

ter home. Star overcame a life of abuse and alcohol addiction. She had a mentor who encouraged her and gave her the confidence to reach her goals.

"What do you want to be?" Star asked the Warm Springs youth, and then asked the Elders and pre-Elders, "What advice would you give them to reach their goal?"

Stories were shared by at least three tribal Elders.

National research has shown that positive relationships between Littles and Bigs have a direct and measurable impact on children's lives.

Landmark research conducted by public-private Ventures found that Littles, when compared to their non-mentored peers, are:



Star Nayea performs at community center.

Courtesy photo.

52 percent less likely to skip school;

46 percent less likely to begin using illegal drugs; and, 33 percent less likely to hit someone.

In addition, a survey completed by Harris Interactive on adults who participated in our program as children, found:

90 percent agreed their Big made them feel better about themselves;

81 percent say their Big caused them to change what they thought possible in life;

77 percent set higher goals than they would have on their own; and,

42 percent earned a degree from a four-year college compared to just 22 percent of their fathers and 25 percent of their mothers.

Start something

How can you start something? Be a Big or a Little!

Warm Springs Big Brothers Big Sisters are seeking both Bigs and Littles to participate.

Applications will be sent out with all Warm Springs Elementary students in the near future.

If you want your child to participate, please complete the application and return it to me.

If you have any questions feel free to call me at 541-553-0497. Please leave a message, your call is important!

Or you can e-mail at: sfrank@bbbsco.org
Get started at: www.bbbsco.org

News from Indian Country

Scientists testing salmon as space food

KODIAK, Alaska (AP) – Astronauts in space may soon enjoy freeze-dried salmon if a Kodiak researcher's project goes as planned.

Alexandra Oliviera, associate professor of seafood chemistry for University of Alaska Fairbanks at the Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center, is conducting research to see whether freeze-dried salmon makes a tasty space meal.

Oliviera came up with the idea to freeze-dry salmon after noticing that stores sold freeze-dried vegetables for babies. She found there wasn't much research about freeze-dried salmon, so she worked to obtain an initial research grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

After concluding the initial project, Oliviera wanted to find a way to add flavor to the freeze-dried salmon, so she continued her work and received a grant from the Alaska Space Grant Program to support the research.

"The idea was that it would

be an interesting application for an astronaut because it is highly nutritious," she said.

In order for a food to be considered for NASA, the product has to undergo a lengthy testing process. The product has to be stored for a year, then undergo microbial and chemical analysis. Another study must determine how the meal behaves when stored in different conditions, Oliviera said. She started storing the salmon test samples eight months ago and will soon be able to conduct the final tests.

"Every month we've been making observations," she said. "I'm looking at if the product is changing."

The salmon used in the project is Alaska sockeye salmon from Kodiak Island. The Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association donated salmon from the Kitoi Bay Hatchery.

The salmon, which was cubed and freeze-dried can be served in two ways, dried or rehydrated. The cubes are

also infused with spicy seasonings like garlic powder, onion powder, salt or cayenne pepper.

"Our idea was to adjust the flavoring ingredients to what astronauts may be more inclined to like," Oliviera said. "They like spicy foods in space."

Oliviera isn't sure what the cost would be to produce the freeze-dried salmon commercially, since larger equipment would be needed to produce it in quantities big enough to sell in stores.

If freeze-dried salmon does fly to store shelves, Oliviera said the salmon cubes can be used in soups, salads or pastas, and are a healthy alternative to bacon bits.

"The ultimate goal is to prove that this is a good product, a viable product, a healthy product," Oliviera said. "It adds value to Pacific salmon and it's highly nutritious as well."

Teaching children to speak Lakota younger

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) – Several projects are under way to teach children to speak Lakota at a younger age and hopefully revitalize the American Indian language.

Lakota is spoken primarily by Sioux Native Americans in North and South

Dakota. Fewer than 6,000 people speak it fluently, which is less than 14 percent of the Lakota population in the Dakotas. The average age of a Lakota speaker is 60.

An immersion day care targeting children as young as 15 months is set to open on the Pine Ridge Indian Reser-

vation in South Dakota, while a day care for 3-year-olds has already started on the Standing Rock reservation.

Program organizers hope to immerse children in the language earlier, so they learn Lakota as their first language.

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