

# Lady Warriors travel to World tourney in Hawaii

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The Lady Warriors basketball team played in the World Youth Basketball Tournament.

They had the opportunity to play on Big Island, Kona, Hawaii, in the 13-14 age division. They played the Eastbay team from California for second place on Tuesday of this week (after print deadline for this publication).

The team travelled in late July in two groups to the tournament. One group flew out on Sunday, July 28. And group two flew out on Wednesday, July 30.

The Lady Warriors are being coached by Shawn Harry and Jake Suppah, and assistant coach June Smith.

Lady Warriors have a lot of support from the Warm Springs and Madras communities. Parents helped the team on and off the court.

With fund-raising efforts held throughout the year, the ladies accomplished their goal of raising enough money to attend this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Balance was key to success. Many of the ladies over



the summer continued to participate in basketball tournaments, track, softball and dance.

The Lady Warriors team has 13 players from the Warm Springs and Madras. Most are between the ages of 13-14 years old. One Lady Warrior was recruited to play from Arizona, and trained with Jake Suppah.

The ladies shines as a team on the court, and in the classroom, making high grades, Honor Role, and National Junior Honor Society.

At the World Youth Basketball Tournament, besides playing in the games, the teams participated in Cultural Exchange Night. Teams

from other countries had the opportunity to see Warm Springs tribal members present their stories.

Before the tournament the Lady Warriors learned to sing, and to dance the Butterfly Dance. Many would show up to practice the Butterfly songs, and dance hours before the regular basketball practice.

For Cultural Exchange Night the ladies wore wing dresses and moccasins, and had their hair braided and tied up in nukshais (otter furs), ready to bring a part of Warm Springs to Hawaii and share with other parts of the world.

For some on the Lady Warriors this would be their first time traveling outside of Oregon.

It took a lot of hard work, many late night practices, and support from family and friends. It was a new and exciting experience for the Lady Warriors, learning about potential college basketball opportunities, making new friends and seeing the beautiful land of Hawaii.

The team is returning this week from the trip. Aloha!

The team: Laila Smith, Annalise Whipple, Erika Olivera, Jocelyn McCarthy (back row l-r); Kaliyah Iverson, Chloe Smith, Jalaney Suppah, Mary Olney, Vijay Bryant (middle row l-r); and Vanessa Culp, Lynden Harry, Niyallee Cochran, Jackie Zamora-Heath (bottom row).

Patti Tanewasha photo.

## Williams joins Recreation Department

Sharon Williams recently joined the Recreation Department, working as the department secretary. She joined Recreation on July 4, so her first day was a busy one.

Sharon, 22, is a graduate of Madras High School. Before joining Recreation, she worked as a volunteer at Utilities for four months.

She is liking her new job at Recreation. "I've really liked working with our summer youth workers," she was saying recently. "We had seven workers this summer."

She also likes all of her co-workers. The only thing that



Recreation secretary Sharon Williams.

could make her work even more enjoyable would some air conditioning. The system had not been working for some days, and the building can get very warm in the afternoons.

Sharon grew up in the Warm Springs, and lived for a year recently in Portland. Her parents are Martha Heath and Emiliano Williams.

Sharon has four brothers and three sisters, and one daughter, Emilia, who will be attending the Early Childhood Education Center starting this year.

## Diabetes Prevention hosting Fun Run Friday

Diabetes Prevention will host a Fun Run this Friday, August 8 at noon.

The Fun Run will start at the Diabetes Prevention office located on the campus by the Family Resource Center.

This will be a chance to work toward the August 100 Mile Challenge.

**Reminder:** The next Diabetes Prevention class starts October 7. For more information, call Joy Ramirez at 541-553-0118 before September 22

We are here to help you with exercise and nutrition balancing to prevent diabetes and improve health," Joy says.

## Hood to Coast raffle to support 2014 team

The 2014 Hood To Coast Team is holding a raffle to support the team.

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Raffle items include \$200 cash, a hand drum, a quilt, Pendleton purse and vest. Earrings, a yarn bag, pot holders, gift cards, a Pendleton cell phone cover. \$50 cash, Lottery scratch-offs, and other donated items.

Please see the for your tickets:

Monica Sampson, Leslie Davis, Ardis Smith-Clark, Colleen Fagan, Jayne Schricker, Alexis Hintsala, Adam Haas, Ben Bisland, Jeff Anspach, Don Courtney, Hank Ray, Brett Whipple, and Val Squiemphen. All donations are welcome.

## Family Fun Event coming up

The Third Annual Family Fun Event is coming up on August 22, from 4-7 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center. Everyone is invited.

Highlights of the event include a mini health and education fair in the social hall, from 4-5 p.m. You can check your blood sugar level at the mini health fair.

There will be Zumba in the gym from 5-6 p.m. Softball

games start at 6.

There will be basketball in the gym from 4-5.

Participants receive a t-shirt when they register. There will be a light meal from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

This will also be a chance to turn in your August 100 Mile Challenge calendar.

For more information call 541-553-7718.



Canoe Family members at Bella Bella.

Courtesy photo

## Canoe Journey

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In 2011 they travelled to Swinomish, Wash. The next year was to Squaxim Island, and in 2013 they paddled to Quinalt, both on the Washington coast.

This year, with the other canoe families, they arrived at Campbell Island, Bella Bella, British Columbia, and were greeted by the Heiltsuk Nation. Heiltsuk First Nation is a group of five tribal groups who inhabited an area approximately 6,000 square miles of the Central Coast of British Columbia.



The Warm Springs Canoe Family joined the Nisqually family for the 2014 journey to Bella Bella, British Columbia.

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