

MHS White Buffalos sports update

The Madras High School girls basketball team won two of three games at the Seaside Holiday Tournament.

The team was 4-1 as of earlier this week. (The girls played Henly at home on Tuesday of this week, after deadline for this publication).

Next up is the Sisters Tournament, Monday through Wednesday, Dec. 28-30. Early in 2016 they play two away games, at Ridgeview and Mountain View, before hosting Bend on Jan. 12.

The boys varsity team got off to a rough start, going 1-5 overall. They'll be at the Sisters Tourney, Dec. 28-30, then at home against Mountain view on Jan. 6.



Jayson Smith/Spilyay

Youth tourney this weekend

The Fourth Annual Warm Springs Cougars Youth Co-Ed Basketball Tournament is coming up on Saturday and Sunday, December 26-27.

It is a 10-years and under, and 12-years and under All

Indian Co-Ed Basketball tourney, to be held in the Warm Springs Community Center Gym.

It is open to the first six teams in both categories who submit entry fees.

North End Express tourney in Jan.

The North End Express All Indian 6-foot and Under Men's Basketball Tournament, and the All Indian Women's Basketball Tournament are coming up next month.

The tourneys are set for Thursday through Sunday, Jan. 21-24 at the Warm Springs Community Center.

Men's awards include eight championship embroidered jackets; eight runner-up hooded sweatshirts; eight third-place crewneck sweatshirts; eight fourth-place t-shirts; and Most Valu-

able Player, and All Tourney awards.

The women's awards are the same as for the men's (based on six women's teams/subject to change).

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Entry fee is \$250 for men (eight-man roster) and \$250 for women (eight-woman roster). Payable by certified cashiers check or money order by January 8.

2015 Year in Review

(Here is a look back at some of the memorable news events of the later half of the year on the reservation.)

May

Toward the end of May, tribal leaders toured **Willamette Falls** with Gov. Kate Brown. The site tour was organized by the Willamette Falls Legacy Project.

Legacy Project organizers are planning the development of a public riverwalk along the edge of the Willamette, providing public access to the views of the falls. The falls are a usual and accustomed fishing place of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Willamette Falls is the second most powerful waterfall in North America. For more than a century now the public has not had a viewing area of the falls. The Legacy Project is working to change that.

June

Tribal Council this month approved a plan by the Casino and Resort board to develop a **truck stop** at the tribes' Madras property.

The truck stop will create

between 40 and 60 new jobs, and will generate significant new revenue for the tribes.

At a conservative estimate, the truck stop will generate an average of more than \$2 million a year. The new jobs will have tribal member preference.

The tribes own 10 acres of trust land at the Madras Industrial Park. The property has not been used in recent years.

The Gaming proposal calls for development of a truck stop with gas pumps, a restaurant, convenience store, some Class 2 gaming, among other amenities. In other news:

Eel fishing season opened for tribal members at Willamette Falls. Tribal Council by resolution opened the season through July 31. Elsewhere:

Tribal Council in June made a **declaration of drought** on the reservation, the first such declaration in the history of the tribes.

A declaration of drought gives the tribes access to federal assistance in managing the water shortage.

Jefferson, Wasco, Deschutes and Crook counties have all made drought declarations for 2015.

At Pi-Ume-Sha weekend, the Confederated Tribes this month commemorated the One-Hundred-and-Sixtieth

Year Anniversary of the signing of the **Treaty of 1855**.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs now have a **Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance, or TERO, office**.

Mary Sando-Emhoolah is the Warm Springs TERO director. She and husband Michael own and operate the construction trucking company Emhoolah Trucking Co.

The benefits of the TERO program will be many for Warm Springs. The office will facilitate the hiring of tribal members and other Native American residents for Oregon Department of Transportation and other construction projects in the region.

July

Oregon tribal leaders met at Kah-Nee-Ta for discussion of the impact on Indian Country of Oregon **Measure 91**, legalizing recreational marijuana in the state.

On hand were the Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon, and a special agent with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration. Major crimes on the reservation, such as drug crimes, are prosecuted federally.

Stan Speaks, BIA regional director, and Dean Seyler, Portland Area IHS director,

were among the speakers at the conference.

Discussion focused on law enforcement questions raised by Measure 91, as well as health and welfare, and youth issues.

Tribal Utilities is urging residents to conserve as much **water** as possible for the near future.

The problem is a pump that is down at the water treatment plant, leaving just one pump in operation.

The first four families of the new **Greeley Heights subdivision** moved in to their homes last week.

The Warm Springs Housing Authority hosted a grand opening for the \$9.7 million project. On hand were the families that have qualified for the homes, community members, and many of the funding and planning parties that have been part of the unique project.

The Greeley Heights project involved a number private and public entities, federal and state:

Present at the opening ceremony were representatives from the state of Oregon, the HUD Northwest Office of the Native American Programs, the Bank of the West, and Prestige Affordable

Housing Partners, among others. They arrived for the occasion from their home offices at San Francisco, New Jersey and Ohio.

The Warm Springs **unmanned aerial vehicle** program is on track to receive significant operational funding. The funding comes from the state of Oregon, through the Oregon Innovation Council and SOAR Oregon.

Total new UAV funding to SOAR is at \$3 million. Part of this program involves development of a UAV training center at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort.

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HUNTER REPORTING RAFFLE

CTWS hunters who turn in **ALL** their tags and completed reporting for closed 2015 hunts by **February 2nd, 2016** will be automatically entered into the Hunter Reporting Raffle.

PRIZES INCLUDE:

2016 BIGHORN RAM TAG

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