

MHS girls hosting tourney opener Friday

The Madras High School girls varsity basketball team won their second Tri-Valley Conference title in four seasons.

They will make their sixth straight appearance in the first round of the state playoffs. The White Buffaloes are scheduled to host a first-round contest this Friday, March 4. They play Valley Catholic. The girls are playing for a third trip to the final site in six years.

The quarter finals will be at Forest Grove High School, and the semi-finals will be at Liberty High School.



Courtesy photo.

Player of the Week



Jayson Smith/Spilyay

Sophomore guard Lynden Harry, Madras White Buffaloes girls varsity basketball team, was nominated in February for the Athlete of the Week by *The Oregonian/OregonLive*. The honor came in recognition of Lynden's game against Molalla, and an earlier performance against Crook County. In the Molalla game, Lynden made six 3-pointers, with 33 points overall; plus 10 rebounds, as the White Buffaloes clinched a share of the Tri-Valley Conference title, 55-49 vs. Molalla.

Hunter raffle, meeting this Thursday

The Hunter Reporting Raffle and public hunter meeting is this Thursday evening, March 3, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Agency Longhouse.

The Fish and Wildlife Committee is requesting a potluck cook off.

Bring your deer and elk, or main specialty dish or a side dish. Light snacks will also be provided.

Tribal member hunters who have turned in all their tags, and completed reporting for closed 2015 hunts, have been automatically en-

tered into the Hunter Reporting Raffle.

Prizes include the 2016 bighorn ram tag; 2016 Ceded Lands doe tags; and various hunting and fishing gear.

Memorial

Family and friends of Harvey Jim are planning a memorial in April. There will be a traditional blessing at 7 p.m. on April 8 at the Agency Longhouse. The unveiling of the Veteran's Monument will be on April 9 at the Simnasho Cemetary, dinner and name giving to follow at the Agency Longhouse.

Contact Eliza Brown-Jim at 541-460-1921; or Winona Strong at 541-460-0391.

Commercial fishing extended

The third commercial fishing season of 2016 has been extended once more. For The Dalles and John Day pools the current season is extended through 6 p.m. Saturday, March 5.

Allowed gear is gillnets with no mesh restriction. Sales are allowed for sturgeon between 43 and 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools.

Salmon, steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass and yellow perch may also be sold or retained for subsistence. Fish landed during the open period may be sold after it closes.

River mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to gillnets are in effect. The Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is not necessary this time of year.

Cougars 16-and-under tourney starts March 18

The Warm Springs Youth Organization this month will host the 2016 Warm Springs Cougars All Indian Teen Boys 16 Years and Under Basketball Tournament.

The tourney is set for March 18-20 at the Community Wellness Center. The entry deadline is set for this Friday, March 4. The fee is \$200 per team.

Awards: ten Championship Jackets; ten runner-up hooded

jackets; ten third-place crews; and ten fourth-place t-shirts. Individual awards include MVP, Mr. Hustle; and 10 All Tourney players.

For more information, contact Austin Greene, tourney director; PO Box 42, Warm Springs, OR 97761. You can reach him by email at: Austin.greene@wstribes.org

Or call 541-553-1953(h); or the Recreation office at 553-3243.

Health: report details vital statistics data

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Some other information highlights from the report:

In the most recent three-year period, the leading causes of death among tribal members were cirrhosis, accidents and diabetes. These were the same leading causes as in the previous three years.

The report notes great improvement in the treatment and pre-treatment of diabetes among tribal members. The number of patients listed on the Diabetes Register declined from a high of 460 in 2012,

to 402 in 2014.

Patients with controlled blood sugar have improved to 71 percent from 54 percent in 2012.

The number of hospitalization admissions remained about the same over the recent years, but the number of hospital days decreased by 5 percent.

Joint commission

Seven years ago the Confederated Tribes and the Indian Health Service entered into an agreement creating the Warm Springs Joint Health Commission.

The commission oversees the ongoing development of the health care system, and the implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan for the delivery of health services to the Warm Springs Reservation.

The tribal Health and Welfare Committee retains its role as liaison, helping to address community member access and concerns to the health system.

One major advantage of the tribal-IHS Joint Health Commission partnership is the ability to coordinate all health system efforts to better serve and educate the community.

The next article in this series will look at some of the health resources available to tribal members, and the most recent data regarding the services.

Portland State University is encouraging Native American students to participate in its summer program on **Climate Change and Aerosol Research (CCAR), and Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) programs**. CCAR REU is 10 weeks, from June 27-Sept. 2 in Portland. Students receive a \$4,500 stipend for the 10 weeks. Application deadline is April 15. For informatin visit the website pdx.edu/ccar/reu-2016. You can email to aalston@pdx.edu

Pet clinic this month

A Pet Clinic is coming up this. There will be pet shots for \$15; licenses for \$5; and spay and neuter vouchers. The Pet Clinis will be on Saturday, March 19, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the old ambulance bay across from the post office. The transactions are cash only.

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