

White Buffalos Winning Season



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The Madras White Buffalos varsity football team has a winning record so far, at 4-2. Madras will host a home game this Thursday, October 11. This is a conference game against Scio. The Buffalos are tied with Scio at the top of the division. The team's final two games, on October 19 and 26, will be against Corbett and Salem Academy. The game against Salem Academy will be a home game.



On Indigenous People's Day

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"Everywhere you are, Indians have been." This phrase captures the simple truth of the history of this land. Every hill; every creek; every meadow; every forest; every river on this continent has a story of its connection to the indigenous peoples who lived here. Some of these stories are still remembered; some are forgotten.

People learn to believe that the history of this land we call home began when Europeans arrived because that's often where history books start.

In one newsreel about the ben-

efits of Columbia River hydro-power, the narrator states, "And so for 100 years, the river of the West [Columbia River] was untamed—the same swirling fury which Indians have swept for salmon since the days of Captain Meriwether Lewis." In one sentence, millions of years that the Columbia had flowed freely and the thousands of years that indigenous people fished there is swept away.

Sadly, all that many people know of the indigenous people who lived here before them is what they learned from the introductory chapter in their elementary school history textbooks.

The European arrival in the Americas certainly was pivotal in

history, however it was far from the beginning of the story of this continent. For far too long, thousands of years of indigenous culture, history, learning, and wisdom has been dismissed or ignored as prehistory that has nothing to do with today.

For nearly 80 years, the nation has observed Columbus Day to celebrate the anniversary of his arrival in the Americas.

The holiday wasn't meant to insult or demean indigenous peoples; in fact it is almost certain that indigenous voices, views, and opinions about commemorating Columbus were not even considered when the holiday was established in 1907.

Lost in the celebration of this holiday was the fact that the arrival of Christopher Columbus

Cowdeo turning 50

The Cowdeo this month will celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary. Registration is now open to any youth interested in participating. You can call 541-325-5050, or stop by the Jefferson County Fairgrounds office, 430 SW Fairgrounds Road, Madras.

The Cowdeo features sheep riding, calf riding, cow riding, goat tail undercoating, barrels, and the scurry race. And there will be horseless calf roping, breakaway

roping, keyhole, the chicken scramble and stick horse race.

The price of admission for spectators is \$5, children 4 and under free. Thank you to the 2018 Cowdeo sponsors:

Indian Head Casino, Gary Gruner Chevrolet, DMJ Automotive and Shell Station of Warm Springs, Thomas Sales & Service, and the Identity Zone. DMJ this year again is the Cowdeo Saddle sponsor.

Coming up in youth sports

Here are some of the events coming up in youth sports:

Thursday, October 11: Warm Springs Academy volleyball has matches at Three Rivers October.

Monday, October 15: In Madras High School sports: The boys soccer teams host Gladstone at 4 p.m. Girls soccer is playing at Gladstone and the volleyball squads play at Molalla

Tuesday, October 16: Warm Springs Academy volleyball is at home, hosting Sisters.

Also on October 16: Warm Springs Academy football has a home game against Three Rivers. Game time is at 4:30.

Wednesday, October 17: In Madras High School sports: Girls soccer hosts Molalla. JV is at 4 and varsity at 5. The Cross Country team is competing at the Central

Oregon Relay in Bend today, and boys soccer is playing at Molalla High School.

Thursday, October 18: Warm Springs Academy volleyball is at home against La Pine.

Also on October 18: In Madras High School sports: Volleyball has home matches. Freshman and JV play at 4:30, and varsity at 6

Friday, October 19: Madras High School Buffalos varsity football plays at Corbett High School at 7

Listen to KWSO for Madras High School football this Thursday, October 11. Kickoff is at 7 p.m., and you can hear the game live on 91.9 FM.

Warm Springs JCP and Prevention are putting on Kids' Bingo October 16 at 5 p.m. at the Community Center Social Hall. It's for families and kids to play together.

represents a terrible tragedy to the continent's indigenous peoples and the beginning of centuries of unimaginable horrors.

Columbus introducing the Americas to Europe forever changed our communities, our families, and the resources that sustained our way of life. This arrival didn't represent freedom and a new life to the tribes; it represented the exact opposite. It was a day not to celebrate, but to mourn.

Fortunately times are changing. There is a growing awareness that this event is a painful reminder to the tribes. Dozens of cities across the US have recognized Indigenous Peoples Day, not only to honor native people, but also to remove the connection to Christopher Columbus. Actions like this helps with healing as well as promotes a

greater societal understanding of the indigenous people who are an important part of our shared American story.

Indigenous Peoples' Day gives us the opportunity to honor the millions of citizens with indigenous ancestry, to celebrate their culture, and to reflect on the evils, sacrifices, and struggles their ancestors were forced to endure.

It also gives us the opportunity to educate the citizens about what can be gained by a greater understanding of indigenous history. By learning about the native cultures of this place and what the first residents knew about living here, the country is enriched with a greater understanding of its shared history, understanding of the ecology, and the philosophy of stewardship.



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The Simnasho rodeo arena was the scene of the Jamie 'Chili Guy' Tohet Wild Horse Race Memorial. There were bucking horses, breakaway, Wild Horse and endurance races.

