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Seniors Day this Friday at high school

This fall there are 23 seniors on the Madras High School White Buffalos varsity football team. This Friday, October 25—Seniors Day at the high school—they will play a final regular season home game, as family and friends pay tribute for the winning season.

Like the record number of seniors on the football squad, overall attendance is up at the high school. And with this comes the recent high graduation numbers. The Class of 2019 saw eighty-seven students from Warm Springs graduate from Madras High School—the most ever.

Explaining this success, school liaison Butch David said, “We have a lot to do here—The kids stay busy, and they want to come to school.”

Excellence in the core curriculum is the reason to go to school; yet a brief tour of Madras High shows there is much more going on—The goal of all programs being to open doors for every student to follow his or her own dream.

After graduation a student's

goal might be higher education, or military service, or one of any number of career paths. And the high school has many teachers and mentors to help in any and all ways.

New at the high school this year is principal Brian Crook. Mr. Crook brings 23 years of education experience from the Bend-LaPine District.

An overall goal at the school, Crook says, is to continue the graduation rate success. “We’re at around 92 percent, so it becomes harder now to improve on that. We can always try for 95 percent,” he said.

Joining Mr. Crook at the high school this year is assistant principal Mark Stewart, who comes to Madras with 14 years experience in the Sisters district. “He’s been a nice addition to the high school. He’s fitting in well with our staff,” Mr. Crook said.

New this year at the high school is the Academic Support Center, and the Mentor program. The Academic Support Center gives some students extra time and support. This is especially helpful for ninth-graders, as they make the

transition to the high school, Brown said.

The Mentor program is also helpful for freshmen. The student can have a mentor, whether it be a teacher or some other school staff person, to talk about grades, behavior, or any issue that may come up.

This year Lindsey Buccafurni is coordinating the Futures Center. This is the post-graduation

planning program established a few years ago by Kathy Sisk.

Lindsey joins the Futures Center from her previous work as enrollment counselor at Central Oregon Community College.

The Futures Center helps students—mostly seniors and juniors—plan for their futures after high school.

See **HIGH SCHOOL** on 10



Trey Johnson (left) and Vincent Trevino at the Introduction to Shop class at the high school.

District budget meetings

Tribal Council has set the district meetings on the 2020 budget proposal.

The Seekseequa District meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, October 29 at the Seekseequa Fire Hall. Dinner will be at 6 and the meeting at 7.

The Simnasho District meeting is set for Wednesday, October 30 at the Simnasho Longhouse. Dinner at 6 and the meeting at 7.

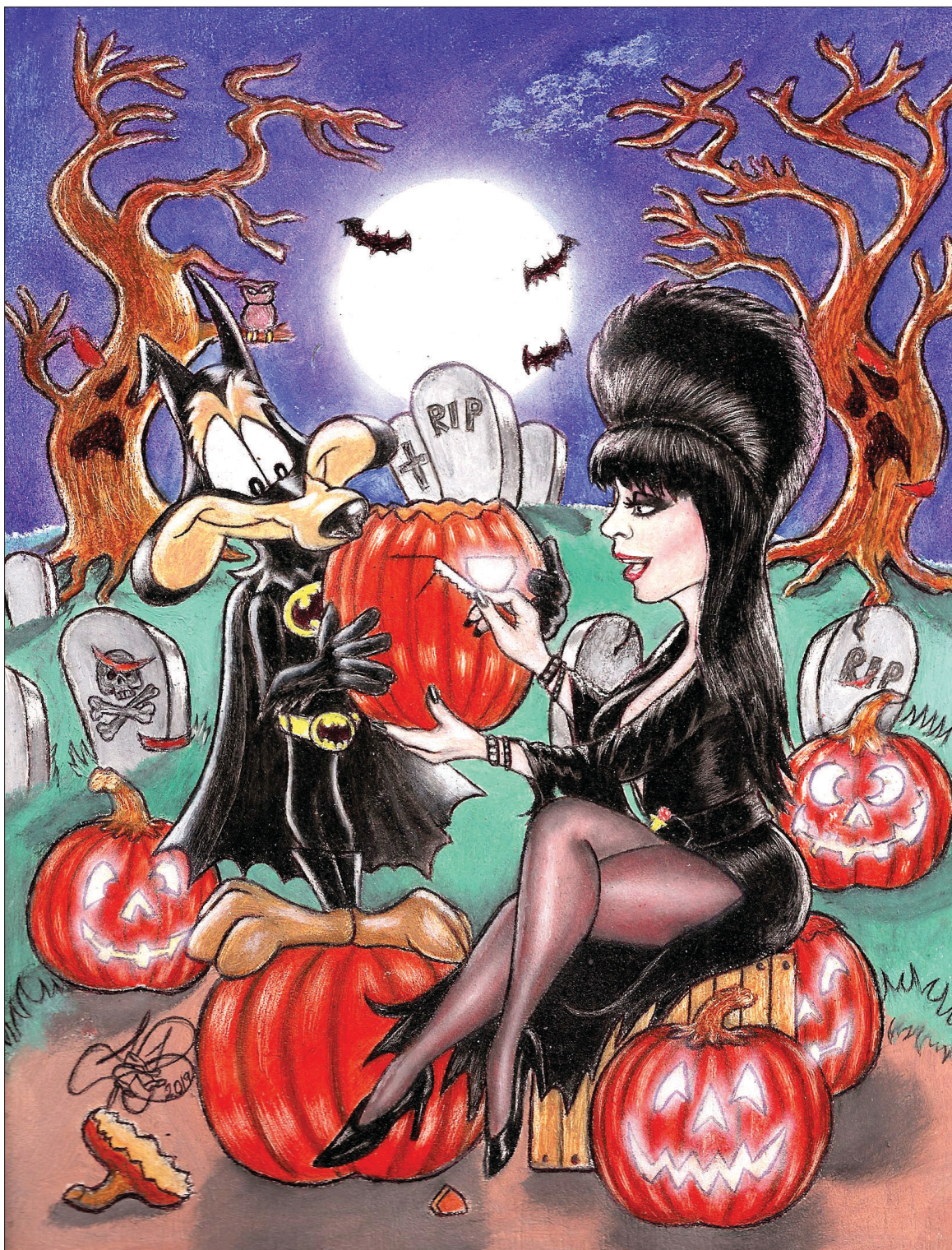
The Agency District meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5 at the Agency Longhouse. Dinner at 5:30 and the meeting at 6.

These dates are set, though are subject to change at district Council members' discretion.

The budget as posted this month by Council includes \$1.4 million in projected cuts.

The goal has been to share the cuts as equitably as possible within the organization.

The Senior Pension remains at the current level, under the proposal.



A Happy Halloween from Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb.

For Halloween on the rez

Halloween fun times in Warm Springs start this Wednesday evening, October 23, as Recreation hosts the Great Pumpkin Party.

Stop by at the Community Center for the fun: Carvings begin at 5:30 p.m., and judging at 7:30. For sale will be burgers and fry bread, Mummy dogs and homemade chili. The pumpkin carving contest categories include:

Best Classic Addams Family Character.

Spookiest. Most Creative. Best Silliest Pumpkin. Best NDN Pumpkin.

Simnasho this Sunday, October 27 will introduce a new event: It's the **Red Lake Costume Run For the Health of It**. This is a free event, though cash donations are encouraged for #TeamRylan. Volunteers welcome.

The Costume Run events include a 15-mile team relay run, a 5k run/walk, and a 1-mile fun run/walk. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. with start time at 8:30. In addition to the races there will be a costume contest, haunted house, snacks, water, prizes and t-shirts for participants, while supplies last.

Nite Out

Recreation and the Community Wellness Center are then hosting the **Spooky Indian Nite Out and Drummerz Jam Session** on Monday evening, October 28. Potluck dinner is at 5:30, and the powwow at 6:30.

Then on Halloween will be the

Employee Costume Contest at the Community Center, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

And Halloween evening will see the **Spooky Ooky Addams Family Style Kooky Halloween**, hosted by Recreation at the Community Center. There will be a costume contest with categories:

Best Overall Spookiest. Best Cutest/Silliest. Best Classic Halloween Character. Most Creative Costume. Best Duo (any two characters).

Trunk-or-Treat—hosted by Health and Wellness, and Recreation—will be from 4 to 6 p.m. at the ball fields. Set-up starts at 3. This year there are prizes for first, second and third-place Best Decorated Trunk, following the theme of Spooky Ooky Addams Family Style Kooky Halloween.

For Trunk-or-Treat, Victory Lane and the northeast corner of the parking lot entrance will be blocked to vehicle traffic, allowing walkers on at 4 p.m. for safety of the youth.

The Halloween Carnival at the center then starts at 6.

At Early Childhood Center

The Early Childhood Education Center will host the Annual Lil' Pumpkins Parade on Halloween morning from 10:30 to 11:30.

This is a fun time for ECE classrooms to go trick-or-treating through the hallways of ECE, and then parade across to the Warm Springs Clinic.



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