

NW Ballers, Celilo Blazers tourney champions

The NW Ballers and the Celilo Blazers were winners at the recent basketball tournament at the Warm Springs Community Center.

The NW Ballers were champions in the women's division, and the Celilo Blazers won the men's division.

The competition was the North End Express All Indian Men 6-foot-and-under and Women's Iron 5 Basketball Tournament, held Jan. 26-29.

Women's division

In the women's division, after the champion NW Ballers, were:

Runner up, W.O.W.

Third place, Lady Springers.

Fourth place, Nixyaawi.

All tourney (player and team):

Amanda Squiemphen-Yazzie, Swish; Blanche Mitchell, Swish; Jessie Simpson, Nixyaawi; Miami VanPelt, Nixyaawi; Lana Leonard, Lady Springers.

Kayla Jones, Lady Springers; Lucy Suppah, W.O.W.; CeCe LeClaire, NW Ballers; Lu-C Torrez, W.O.W.; and Shirelle Adams, NW Ballers.

Men's division

After the champion Celilo Blazers were:

Runnerup, REZidentials.

Third place, Descendants, Omak Wash.

Fourth place, Nixyaawi, Pendleton.

Fifth place, That 1 Team, Warm Springs.

MVP: Leighton Pennington, Celilo Blazers
Mr. Hustle: Anthony Bonifer, Mission, Ore.

All-Tourney (player and



NW Ballers, women's champions.



Celilo Blazers, men's champions.

team): Brian Condon, Descendants; Kyle Stensgar, That 1 Team; Justin Queahpama, Hit Squad; Derek Metcalf, Mission; Clinton Case, Nixyaawi.

Mike Jackson, Celilo Blazers; David White, REZidentials; Jeremy Azure, Celilo Blazers; Edward Wolfe, Descendants; Hazen Davis, REZidentials.

Intertribal, Warm Springs; Gorgeous Boys, Lyle, Wash.; Wild Turkey, Fresno, Calif.; Eagles, Warm Springs.

Chasen Walker, Legends;

Other teams participating:

Cougars Youth Tourney in W.S.

The Warm Springs Cougars Youth Organization will be sponsoring the Fourteenth Annual All Indian 12-Years-and-Under Co-ed, and All Indian Boy's 13 to 15 years of age Basketball Tournament on Feb. 24-26, at the Warm Springs Community Center.

This tournament will be open to the first six teams in both divisions to submit roster and entry fee by the deadline of Friday, Feb. 17.

Each team will be guaranteed three games, unless more interest comes in on either division—thus a bracket will be added.

Entry fee is set at \$175 for the Boys Division, and \$150 for the 12 and Under Co-ed.

Boys' champions will receive ten Championship Jackets, second- through fourth-place (finalists) awards. Most Valuable Player, and All Tourney.

Twelve-and-Under champions will receive 10 Championship Hooded Sweatshirts, second- through fourth-place awards, and the All Tourney Team. Interested teams can contact Austin Greene, Tournament Director at 541-553-1953 or mail to: P.O. Box 1327 Warm Springs, OR. 97761.

MHS basketball this week

The Madras High School boys varsity basketball team plays away this Friday, Feb. 10, at Estacada. The boys are home on Feb. 14 against North Marion.

The girls are at home against Estacada on Friday,

Feb. 10; and at home on Feb. 14 against North Marion.

The girls played Gladstone on Tuesday of this week (after deadline).

At press time at least, the girls hadn't lost a game since mid December.

BAAD tourney in March

PENDLETON—Coaches and players are invited to Twenty-Fifth Annual Basketball Against Alcohol and Drugs (BAAD) Tournament. This tournament is sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation Recreation Program and their sponsors.

The dates for this year's BAAD tournament are March 24-30 at the Nixyaawi Community School gymnasium.

The BAAD tournament and

recreation staff are now accepting rosters and entry fees for the tournament. Deadline for entry fees and rosters is Friday, Feb. 24 (no exceptions).

Money orders or cash (no personal checks) can be paid to: CTUIR Recreation Program, attn: BAAD Tournament, 46411 Timine Way, Pendleton, OR 97801. No refunds. For more information, call 541-429-7820; or toll free 1-888-809-8027.

Saqaantaayx six' men's basket tournament: February 25, Wa-a-yas Community Center in Kamiah, ID. \$750 entry fee (8 teams max - 4 teams min). 6-man roster. 6ft-and- under-plus-1. Double elimination (except championship). Championship sweaters - 1st place. For more information, call Abe 208-935-2525 ext 3629.

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A message from the JCSD 509-J School Board

It's been a big month for our school district and on behalf of the school board, I'd like to share some highlights with our families and community members.

You've probably heard that last month's board meeting brought some exciting news that will impact all of us. Here's a quick summary of what's going on:

■ Our board voted 4-0 to accept the recommendation of a community facilities committee to put a \$26.7 million bond measure on the May ballot. If the community votes to pass the ballot it will provide:

- New K-8 school in Warm Springs;
- Performing arts center/auditorium on the Madras High School Campus for the entire district and community to use; and
- General facilities improvements to all of our school buildings

■ Our Classified staff ratified, and the board approved, a three-year contract.

■ We received the results of our recent financial audit and we continue to make financial decisions that will help us maintain our support for students, families, employees and community members.

In spite of everything that's going on around us, our teachers and staff continue to focus on engaging students and improving learning. While we were disappointed by the recent news of our decrease in graduation rates, we believe that our current efforts in the classroom will have a significant impact on the future success and continuing education of our students.

Thank you all for your on-going support. Please don't hesitate to contact me, or the other school board members, to discuss the bond measure or any other questions you have about the district. We will continue to keep you informed about important issues that affect our schools.

— Brad Holliday, Chairman, JCSD 509-J School Board

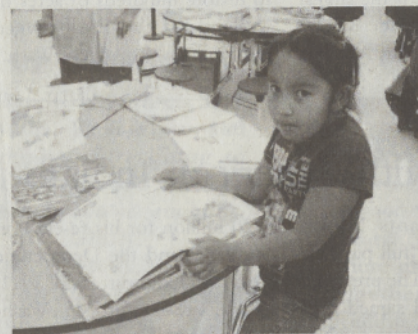
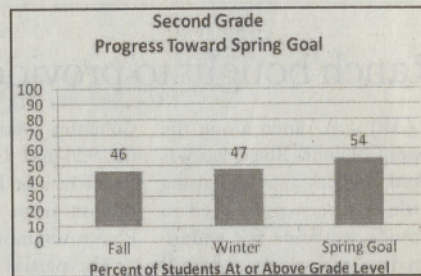
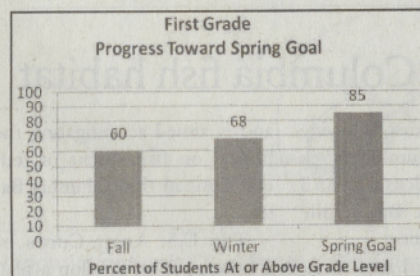
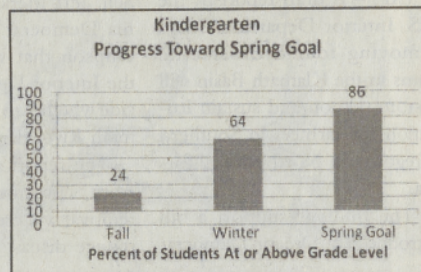


"Our classified staff demonstrated a remarkable commitment to our students and schools with the ratification of a three-year contract. They really stepped up to support the district during challenging economic times."

— Rick Molitor, Superintendent

READ to SUCCEED!

Madras Primary Reading Results are Looking Good!
Madras Primary recently completed a winter reading assessment and the results are promising!



Come Read to our Students!

Madras Primary needs adults who can read to our students for ten to fifteen minutes each month. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or community member, we would love to have you come read a book to one of our classrooms. You can volunteer to come in every month or just one time, whatever works best for your schedule.

If you would like to be a guest reader please contact the office at (541) 475-3520. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!

Calendar

February

- 2/9 JCMS Semester 2 Open House & Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-5:30 p.m. dinner 5:30-6:30 p.m. classrooms
- 2/9 Parent Conferences by appointment 3:45-7:15 p.m.
- 2/10 No School/Parent Conferences by appointment 7:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
- 2/13 No School Teacher In-Service/Training Day
- 2/13 School Board Meeting at Madras Primary Cafeteria 7:00 p.m.
- 2/15 Parent Club Meeting at Buff Intermediate Library 5:30 p.m.