



The 2017-18 Madras White Buffalos girls varsity basketball team was at Kah-Nee-Ta recently. Here are Alesha Freeman, Vanessa Culps, Jayden Davis, Jiana Smith Francis, Monika Stacona, Chloe Smith, Jackie Zamora Heath, Kaliyah Iverson, Jalandy Suppah, Lynden Harry, Ellise David, Annalise Whipple (from back). The team got off to a 2-0 start this season. Their next home game is Dec. 17.



## CRITFC launches lamprey project

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission is exploring the historical range and abundance of Pacific lamprey throughout the Columbia River basin.

The project will compile historical photographs, written accounts, newspaper articles, and other historical documents that show or reference Pacific lamprey in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia.

The hope is that this information will allow scientists to reconstruct the range and abundance of the species in the interior Columbia basin.

For the project to succeed, CRITFC is asking the public to dive deep into their family photo albums for pictures of lamprey, also called eels, and share them with CRITFC.

Anyone wanting to participate can send CRITFC an electronic copy of photos or documents to the project's website or email address. Or send a physical copy to

CRITFC via mail.

If there is any additional information about the photo—for example the location, date, photographer, where the original is stored, whether the information is considered sensitive, or any other relevant information—send it along too. This provides valuable context that can help increase our understanding of this little studied fish.

The website is: <http://bit.ly/lamprey-photos>  
 Email address: [lamprey@critfc.org](mailto:lamprey@critfc.org)  
 Mailing address: 700 NE Multnomah St., suite 1200, Portland, OR 97232  
 Phone number 503-238-0667.

### Shrinking population

Pacific lamprey are one of the oldest creatures in the Columbia River basin. Like salmon, they are anadromous, spending time in the ocean and returning to spawn in freshwater tributaries.

Unfortunately, Pacific lamprey

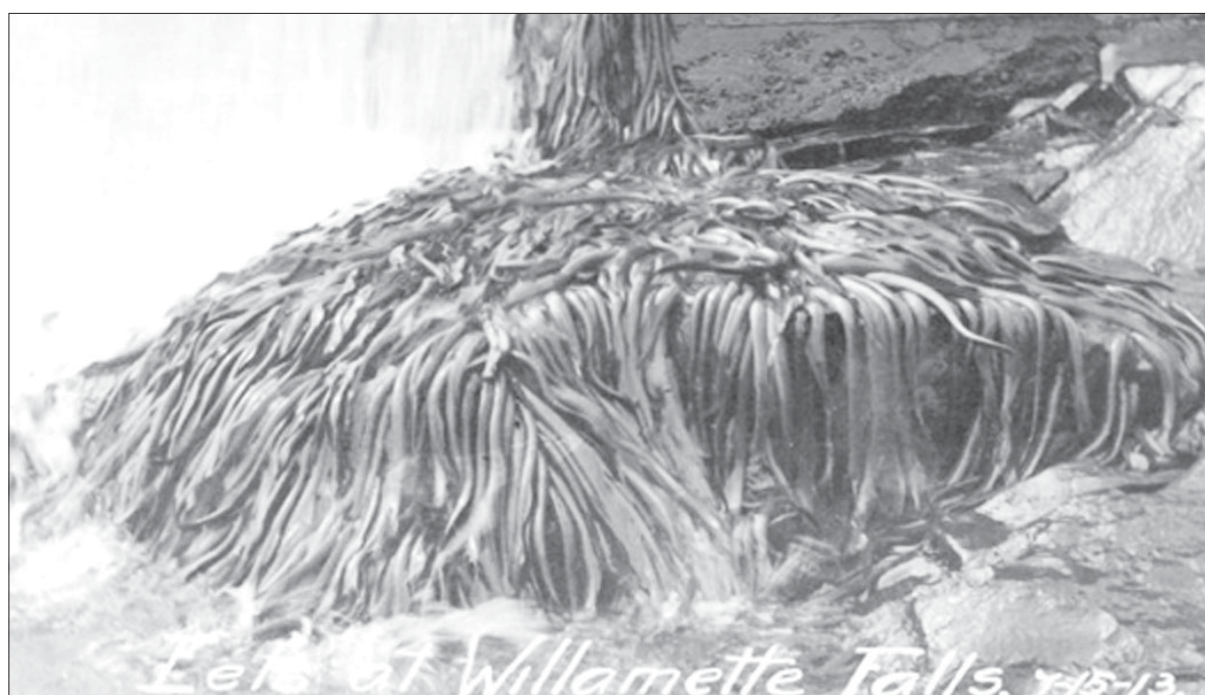
numbers have seen a severe decline throughout the Columbia basin.

“The Creator told the people that the eels would always return as long as the people took care of them,” said Tribal Councilman Ron Suppah said. “But if the people failed to care of them, they would disappear.”

The development of the Columbia River hydropower system posed a significant challenge to the potentially millions of adult Pacific Lamprey that migrated up the Columbia, Snake, and Willamette rivers to spawn.

This challenge was further complicated by intermittent, inaccurate, or non-existent adult lamprey counts—creating a large knowledge gap for the region.

To help fill in this gap, CRITFC is hoping that this project will allow scientists to reconstruct the range and abundance of the species in the interior Columbia basin.



Decades ago, lamprey at the base of Willamette Falls. Photo from the Oregon Historical Society.

## Tourney entry by Friday

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Warm Springs All-Indian Holiday Men's Basketball Tournament is coming up Wednesday through Saturday, December 27-30 at the Community Center gym.

The deadline to enter is this Friday, December 8. For information contact Austin Greene, tournament director,

at 541-553-3243. Or email: [austin.greene@wstribes.org](mailto:austin.greene@wstribes.org)

Awards for this tourney include first-place Pendleton jackets; second-place solid wool jackets; third-place jackets; fourth-place hoodies; and fifth-place crew neck sweaters. Plus the MVP, Mr. Hustle and All tourney awards.

## Coming up in youth sports

The White Buffalo boys varsity basketball team plays in Madras Invitational tournament this Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8-9. Games are at 7 p.m. The team opened their season on Tuesday of this week away at Scappoose.

**Warm Springs Academy boys basketball** is at Sisters this Thursday, December 7. Both seventh- and eighth-grade games start at 3:30 p.m.

Madras High School wrestlers

have a meet at Culver High School on Friday, December 8.

**Warm Springs Academy boys basketball** hosts Elton Gregory on Monday, December 11. Seventh-grade is at 4 and the eighth-grade at 5.

In Madras High School sports: Boys and girls, freshman and JV basketball teams play at La Pine High School on Monday evening, December 11.



Warm Springs Academy eighth-grader Jyden Beck drives past a much taller (6'3") Jefferson County Middle School player, as the Eagles went on to win 50-39.

## 54<sup>th</sup> Warm Springs All-Indian Holiday Men's Basketball Tournament

December 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> 2017

Warm Springs Community Center Gym

2200 Hollywood Blvd

Warm Springs, OR 97761

Entry Fee: \$375.00

DEADLINE BY DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> 2017

### AWARDS

1<sup>st</sup>- Pendleton Jackets

2<sup>nd</sup>- Solid Wool Jackets

3<sup>rd</sup>- Jackets

4<sup>th</sup>- Hoodies

5<sup>th</sup>- Crew Neck Sweaters

MVP, Mr. Hustle & All Tourney

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The Madras Aquatic Center Recreation District will have 30 and over, and 18-29 **adult basketball** leagues from January 14-March 11. The registration deadline is January 5. See [macrecdistrict.com](http://macrecdistrict.com)