

January basketball at high school



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The Madras frosh girls had a big win in December over Summit, 57-15.

The Madras High School girls varsity basketball team has two away games, this Friday, January 4 at Mountain View; and then on January 11 at Valley Catholic. The girls return home on January 16 to host Corbett.

The boys varsity team has home games starting this Friday, January 4 against Mountain View; and then the boys host Valley Catholic on January 11.

The teams had tournaments during December, the boys traveling

to Seaside and then Summit; and the girls at Summit.

The high school regular basketball seasons then end in mid February, followed by the tournament play-in games, and the State Tournament into early March.

Sports schedule at the Academy

Winter sports action coming up at the Warm Springs Academy:

Academy Girls Basketball

January 17: Academy girls basketball is at Sisters. Game time at 3:30 p.m.

January 23: The girls play at home, hosting Elton Gregory Middle School. Game at 3:30.

January 29: The team plays at home against Obsidian Middle School.

January 30: The team is at the Jefferson County Middle School at 3:30.

January 31: Home game against Crook County Middle School.

February 6: At home vs. Sisters.

February 7: Elton Gregory Middle School in Redmond.

February 13: At Obsidian Middle School in Redmond.

February 14: Girls basketball at home against the Jefferson County Middle School.

February 20: At Crook County Middle School, Prineville.

Academy Wrestling

January 23: Academy wrestlers will compete at a meet at Jefferson County Middle School at 3:30.

January 29: The team has a meet at Pilot Butte Middle School.

February 5: At Crook County Middle School.

February 8: Wrestling will compete at the Central Oregon Middle School Classic, this Friday and Saturday.

February 12: At Elton Gregory Middle School, 3:30 p.m.

February 20: At Obsidian Middle School

Zone 6 scaffold, hook and line fishery

A commercial sturgeon setline fishery has been set, and platform and hook and line fishers may also participate in sales.

The season began on Tuesday, and runs through 12 p.m. on Thursday, January 31.

The open area is all of Zone 6, the Bonneville, The Dalles and John Day pools.

Allowed sales are sturgeon between 38 and 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool, and from 43 to 54 inches fork length

in The Dalles and John Day pools.

These fish may be sold or kept for subsistence use. Fish may be sold after the period ends if caught during the open period. Closed areas applicable to scaffolds and hook and line are in effect.

Bill targeting sea lions intended to help salmon

The U.S. House and Senate have passed a measure that will make it easier to kill sea lions that feast on protected salmon and steelhead in the Columbia River basin.

The bill will help protect the billions of government dollars already invested in salmon preservation, without causing long-term harm to sea-lion populations.

Other actions will certainly be

needed. But this bill offers an immediate life preserver to some of the region's chinook salmon, a crucial food source for the critically endangered southern resident orcas.

Federal researchers estimated that a quarter of last year's spring chinook inexplicably disappeared last year on their way from the mouth of the Columbia River to

Bonneville Dam, with sea-lion predation most likely to blame.

State officials say they would need to kill only a few hundred sea lions to make a difference. That would have little effect on the booming population of California sea lions, which has rebounded from about 30,000 animals in the 1960s to nearly 300,000 today.

New pact on Columbia River spill to help salmon

An agreement filed in U.S. District Court in Portland in late December establishes a new regime for spring spill of water over Columbia and Snake River dams to benefit young salmon in their migration to the sea, while enabling the Bonneville Power Administration to take better advantage of power markets.

The three-year agreement, reached after months of negotiations, enables increased spill for fish to swoosh over dams—instead of going through powerhouses—during hours when power

prices are low.

Then, the spill can be reduced, and more water run through generators, when prices are higher in daily markets.

The intent is to increase the survival rates of salmon and limit the cost for the program to no more than was spent in 2018—and possibly less.

The pact, signed by BPA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, the states of Oregon and Washington, and the Nez Perce Tribe, is intended to last through 2021, when a court-man-

dated environmental review of river operations is expected to be completed.

The agreement calls for a pause in new litigation while it remains in effect.

Shannon F. Wheeler, chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee, said in a statement that in setting aside litigation, the tribe will focus on ensuring a full analysis of lower Snake River dam breaching during the agreement's term: "The tribe has long supported breaching the four Lower Snake River dams."

Elks hosting Hoop Shoot

Young people are invited to the annual Elks Hoop Shoot on Saturday, January 12 at the Jefferson County Middle School. Registration will be at noon and the contest will start at one.

The Hoop Shoot is open to boys and girls ages 8-13 based on age on April 1. Winners will advance to the District Hoop Shoot in Prineville later in January.

Warm Springs has seen success in this youth free-throw

competition: Last year Jaihline 'Cha Cha' Ramirez took the School and District competitions, and advanced to the Regionals. She won there in her age group, qualifying and advancing to the State Hoop Shoot.

If you would like more information on the 2019 Elks Hoop Shoot, contact coordinator Tammie Schongall. Her email is:

tammark1985@gmail.com

Basketball action on KWSO

Listen to KWSO 91.9 this Friday, January 4 when the boys varsity basketball teams plays Mountain View. Tip-off is at 7.

You can also listen online at

kwso.org, using the Tune In Radio app.

KWSO will also cover the boys game on January 11 when the boys host Valley Catholic.

Movin' Mountains 2019 begins in Jan.

The 2019 Movin' Mountain Slimdown Challenge runs from January 17 through mid May.

Cash awards will be given out in two-person team division, and individual divisions.

The Slimdown is open to anyone 18 years or older who lives or works on the Warm Springs Reservation or elsewhere in Jefferson County.

Registration and assessments will be at the Warm Springs clinic

on Thursday, January 17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be additional registration and assessments in Madras on Friday, January 18 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, January 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Jefferson County Public Health Department.

If you are unable to make those dates, contact Carolyn Harvey at 541-475-4456. The last day to pay is January 19.

Adult basketball leagues starting

For a few more days, the Madras Aquatic Center Recreation District is taking registrations for its adult basketball leagues.

The leagues will run January to March. The registration deadline is Saturday, January 5.

For more information and registration, go to macrecdistrict.com

Scholarship applications are available online at:

macrecdistrict.com/adult-basketball/

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