



Jayson Smith/Spilyay

Byron Patt blocks a shot against Valley Catholic center Isaac Flemmer, who is six-foot seven. Byron scored 24 points in the game.

The Madras High School girls varsity basketball team plays at home this Wednesday, January 16 against Corbett.

The girls play at North Marion High School this Friday, January 18; and at home

against Gladstone on January 22. Game times are 7 p.m.

The boys varsity basketball team plays at Corbett this Wednesday evening, January 16. The boys have a home game this Friday, January 18 against North Marion High School.

They play at Gladstone on Tuesday, January 22; and at home against Molalla on Friday, January 25.

The play-in games for the state tournament are set for February 22.

High Desert exhibit features Native women

Over the decades, photographer Edward Curtis's sepia-toned prints of Native people have shaped the ways that many people think about American Indians and the American West.

At the start of the Twentieth Century, amid changes brought about by industrialization and the forced removal of American Indians to reservations, Curtis undertook the enormous project of photographing Indigenous people and recording ethnographic information from over 80 tribes across North America.

The project took him over 30 years and came at significant personal cost, but it resulted in 20 bound volumes, over 2,000 photographs and numerous recordings of Native languages, music and ceremonies.

Marking the 150th anniversary of Edward Curtis's birth, *By Her Hand: Native American Women*,



Edward Curtis photograph

Their Art, and the Photographs of Edward S. Curtis features his photographs of women and the art they created. The pictures are from the Christopher G. Cardozo Collection.

The event will be at the High Desert Museum, and will include

historical and contemporary works of art created by Indigenous artists from the High Desert permanent collection. This exhibition will be on display at the High Desert Museum through this Sunday, January 20.

Oregon begins killing sea lions to preserve trout

Oregon wildlife officials this month started killing California sea lions that threaten a fragile and unique type of trout in the Willamette River.

The Willamette is miles inland from the coastal areas where the aquatic mammals usually congregate to feed.

The state Department of Fish and Wildlife obtained a federal permit in November to kill up to 93 California sea lions annually below Willamette Falls south of Portland, to protect the winter run of the fish that begin life as rain-

bow trout but become steelhead when they travel to the ocean.

As of recently, wildlife managers had killed three of the animals using traps they used last year to relocate the sea lions.

The adult male sea lions, which weigh nearly 1,000 pounds each, have learned that they can loiter under the falls and snack on the vulnerable steelhead as the fish power their way upriver to the streams where they hatched.

With their numbers growing, the sea lions are venturing ever farther inland up the Columbia River

and its tributaries in Oregon and Washington—and their appetite is having disastrous consequences.

Last winter, a record-low 512 wild winter steelhead completed the journey past the Willamette Falls, according to state counts. Less than 30 years ago, that number was more than 15,000.

The sea lions are eating so many winter steelhead at Willamette Falls that certain runs are at a high risk of going extinct, according to a 2017 study by wildlife biologists.

Movin' Mountains begins soon

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

this 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.

Coming up in youth sports...

These are some of the youth sports activities in January:

Thursday, January 17: The Warm Springs Academy girls basketball team plays at Sisters at 3:30 p.m.

Friday, January 18: Listen to KWSO for Madras High School basketball. Tipoff is at 7. You can hear the broadcast on 91.9 FM, or online at kwsu.org

Saturday, January 19: Madras High School wrestlers compete in the Oregon Wrestling Class in Redmond.

Tuesday, January 22: Listen to KWSO for Madras High School basketball, when the girls host

Gladstone. Tipoff at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 23: Warm Springs Academy girls basketball hosts Elton Gregory Middle School at 3:30.

The Academy wrestlers will compete at the Jefferson County Middle School at 3:30.

Friday, January 25: High school wrestlers compete in Cottage Grove; and boys basketball hosts Molalla.

Saturday, January 26: Madras High School wrestlers are competing at Cottage Grove. The boys freshman basketball team hosts the Madras Frosh Tourney.

Community notes...

The Jefferson County School District 509-J will host the **family night and community input** meeting in Warm Springs on the evening of Wednesday, February 13.

The meeting will be at the Warm Springs Academy cafeteria area. Dinner is at 6 and the meeting is at 7.

The Jefferson County winter shelter provides a safe **cold weather shelter** this winter.

The shelter is at the Free Methodist Church in Madras, on South Adams Drive. The shelter is open from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. on especially cold nights. Call 541-325-2478 to find out if the shelter will be open.

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