

In the final stretch of season



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In January basketball action: Madras girls varsity 70, Gladstone 54 (above), giving the girls a 10-6 record. And below: The high school band, and the cheerleading squad perform.

There are just a few games left in the high school regular basketball season, before the February 22 playoff play-in game.

The girls varsity team has a winning record. They play at home against North Marion on Friday, February 8. Their last home game

of the season will be the following Thursday, February 14 against Molalla.

The boys have a home game this Friday, February 1 against Corbett; and home games on February 12 and 19.



Coming up in youth sports

Here are some of the youth sports games coming up:

Thursday, January 31: Warm Springs Academy girls basketball is at home against Crook County Middle School at 3:30

Friday, February 1: Listen to KWSO for Madras High School basketball: The boys and girls host Corbett. Tipoff for the girls is at 5:30, and the boys at 7. You can hear the broadcasts on 91.9 FM; or online at kwsso.org.

Saturday, February 2: Madras High School sports: Boys freshman basketball are on the road to the Gladstone Frosh Tournament; and it's the Madras Wrestling Invitational today starting at 9:30.

Tuesday, February 5: WSK8

Wrestling will compete at Crook County Middle School at 3:30. And in Madras High School sports: Boys and girls freshman basketball squads have games at Bend High School today at 5:30 and 7.

Wednesday, February 6: The Warm Springs Academy girls are at home against Sisters at 3:30

Friday, February 8: Warm Springs Academy wrestlers will compete at the Central Oregon Middle school Classic today and Saturday.

Also on Friday in Madras High School sport: Boys freshman, JV and varsity basketball play at North Marion; girls freshman host Mountain View at 4 p.m.



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Buffalos varsity boys basketball: Madras 70, Molalla 47.

Indian Head supporting 2019 Relay for Life kick-off

Indian Head Casino is a great champion of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Jefferson County.

Coming up in February, Indian Head is supporting the Relay for Life event, Cancer: Not Here, Not There, Not Anywhere.

This kick-off party for the 2019 Relay for Life of Jefferson County is during the Business After Hours on Thursday, February 21 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

The kick-off party is hosted by the fairgrounds, Erickson's

Thriftway Market, and the Desert Inn Bar & Grill.

For more information, please contact one of the event chairs: Shari Durgan, 541-475-6665; email: sldurgan@q.com

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Birth

Jayson Matthew Bueno

Jason M. Bueno and Marta M. Rubio of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their son Jayseon Matthew Bueno, born on January 25,

2019.

Jayseon joins bother Jason, and sisters AnaBela and Cinthia.

Grandparents on the father's side are Brady Stai and April Bruno.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Jose Rubio and Helena Teeman.

Fisheries managers offer grim forecast

An early forecast from a group of tribal, state and federal fisheries managers indicates the upcoming spring chinook season could be as, or even more, disappointing than recent steelhead runs and worse than last year's return of

springers.

The Technical Advisory Committee is predicting that just 48,100 spring chinook will return at least as far as the mouth of the Snake River. The 2018 forecast called for a return of 107,400, but just

67,595 chinook showed up.

The 2019 forecast includes a predicted return of just 8,200 wild spring chinook and just fewer than 40,000 hatchery fish. If the forecast is accurate, it will mean slim harvest shares for anglers.

Non-Indian gill-net issue still tangled

The Joint State Columbia River Salmon Policy Review Committee met for the first time this month at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife headquarters in Salem. The six-member task force is charged with revising the Columbia River policy C-3620.

The policy was implemented in an effort to remove non-tribal gill nets used by the commercial fishing fleets of both states from the

mainstem Columbia River after an exhaustive years-long process. It was sought by sport anglers and conservationists who have long objected to commercial fishing on salmon and steelhead stocks that are federally listed as endangered.

While the performance review noted progress on some issues, expectations have not been met in a variety of other key areas.

Many commercial fishermen

argue that the policy has been a failure.

Sport fishermen and conservationists question the logic of allowing more nets in the river when the runs are so depressed that all salmon and steelhead fishing in the Columbia River was closed in fall of 2018, an unprecedented event.

Currently, salmon and steelhead runs are about 50 percent of the recent 10-year average.

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