

## Grant boosts local Native student access to college

A recent grant to Central Oregon Community College will benefit Native American students in the COCC district.

The \$54,689 grant funds the COCC High School and College Success of Native American Students project. COCC will provide an additional \$42,159 in matching funds to run the program.

The first strategy of the program is to expand the successful Oregon Leadership Institute to include Native American high school students.

The second strategy is the creation of a week-long, residential summer symposium for Native American middle- and high

school students, providing a college campus experience as students participate in academic and social activities.

Central Oregon Community College will partner with Madras High School and the tribes to encourage students to attend the Oregon Leadership Institute and Summer Symposium.

James Middleton, COCC president, said, "This effort is in support of goals outlined by the college board of directors, and of established enrollment goals of the college."

Middleton added, "We are very excited about instituting programs and services to help Native American students in-

crease their educational attainment levels and, in the long run, secure family wage jobs in our communities."

Stephanie Carnahan, director of college access programs for the Oregon University System, said, "There is a great need in Oregon for pre-college programs that help students and families understand how to access college in a comprehensive way, from academic preparation to understanding how financial aid works."

"The Eighth-Grade College Prep and Transition Camp and COCC's High School and College Success of Native American Students program are great

examples of the type of support that all Oregon students need."

The College Access Challenge Grant Program (CACG) is a formula grant program that is designed to foster partnerships among federal, state and local government entities and philanthropic organizations to significantly increase the number of underrepresented students who enter and remain in postsecondary education.

The program is funded through a \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education, received by Oregon in August.

## Indian Nite Out next Monday

The Seventh Annual Christmas Indian Nite Out is on Monday, Dec. 19 at the Warm Springs Community Center gym.

Dinner is at 6 p.m., powwow and games at seven. There will be door prizes and a prizes for the dancers in

full regalia.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a meal, and family fun and games for all.

The Christmas Indian Nite Out is sponsored by the Community Wellness Center/Recreation Department, and Youth Development.

## Healthy breakfasts in December

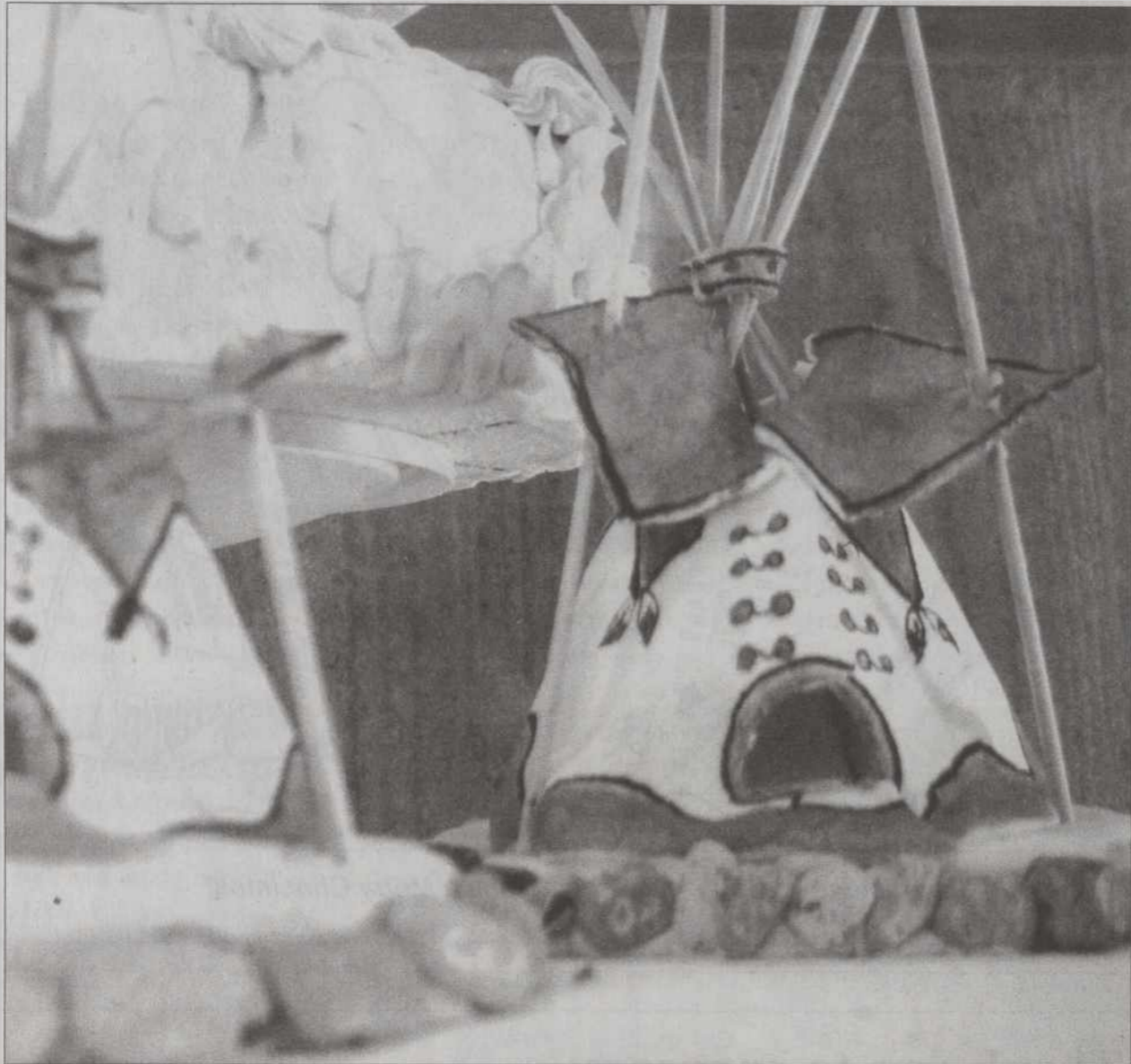
The Healthy Breakfast will be from 9 to 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Warm Springs clinic.

The breakfast is presented by the Warm Springs Diabetes and

the Tribal Nutrition programs. Topics:

Dec. 13: Thrifty shopping with Linda Porter, Nutritionist.

Dec. 27: Making healthy changes with Jeri Kollen, Diabetes Nurse Educator.



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The Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge is featuring displays of specialty cakes, such as this one with a teepee theme.

## Simnasho End of Year Dance Dec. 30

The End of the Year Round Dance at the Simnasho Longhouse is set for Friday, Dec. 30.

Masters of ceremony will be Kenneth Scabbyrobe and Carlos Calica. Strick man: Colin Chief.

All singers invited. Dinner at 6 p.m. Round Dance will start after the meal. Everyone is welcome to join the Simnasho community for this event.

Sponsored by members of the Simnasho community. For more information, contact Captain.

## Gallery raffling Ellsbury bat

Art Adventure Gallery in Madras is raffling a miniature bat that is autographed by Jacoby Ellsbury. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. To find out more, you can call 541-475-7701.

## Gift Shop Sale



The Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge Gift Shop is selling Huckleberry Gift Baskets over the Holidays, ranging from \$15 to \$100. The gift shop can also customize the baskets upon request.

Legal Aid Services of Oregon provides free assistance to low-income Oregonians in many civil cases. Speak with an attorney during drop-in hours 1 to 4 p.m. on the first Monday of the month at the Warm Springs Community Action Team building, 1136 Paiute Ave, Warm Springs. Or call 385-6944 Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. (at lunch from noon-1 p.m.)

## Tree sale for dance group

A local youth dance group is selling Noble fir Christmas trees to raise money for their travel costs.

If you would like to reserve a tree or have questions contact Deanie Johnson 541-460-3015, Carol Sahme 460-0930 or Gladys Grant 325-2650.

## Necklace making class with CPS

CPS is offering a medalion necklace making class Dec. 19-23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day in the Culture and Heritage basement. Class is open to kids of all ages, birth to 18. Snacks will be provided but lunch will be on your own at noon. To sign up contact Minnie at 553-3209.

## UAS testing

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Eventually, the tribes may apply for public entity status. However, in the meantime the goal, Anspach said, is to recruit an existing public entity, begin test flights over the reservation, and eventually pursue the designation at a later time.

The tribes have had productive discussions with Jefferson County, COCC/OIT, OSU and other groups currently designated as public entities.

Once a public entity is re-

cruited by the tribes, COA approval could be granted within 60 to 90 days. "But that can take much longer if there is not adequate support."

In a proposal to tribal council last month, the three areas of the reservation mentioned as possible locations for UAS zones were East Miller Flat, which is 16 square miles; Upper Dry Hollow, 9.1 square miles; and Metolius Bench, 11.9 square miles.

## Jackson

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His outlook on the Tribes economic situation: "Our situation is very, very challenging but with a quality strategic plan, the right people executing, support from

the community, Tribal organization, enterprises and Tribal Council, and accountability for results, we can make real progress."

## Did you know?

According to the 2009 results from the National Survey on Drugs Use and Health (NSDUH), American Indians as a whole, aged 12 and older, are the least likely of all groups to drink alcohol (37.1%).

For most Native tribes, drinking alcohol is not a part of their culture.

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