

University student receives award for work with kids

By Marcelene Edwards
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A University student working with migrant children has received the 1994 Muscular Dystrophy Association Personal Achievement Award for Oregon.

Kelly Conley, a full-time student studying sociology and Spanish, taught English as a Second Language classes in high school and worked on a program pairing up elementary migrant students with high school students. She enjoyed the experience these programs gave her and she had fun working with the children, she said.

"The kids taught me a lot," Conley said. "It was a good experience."

Conley's award is in recognition of her ability to help others with disabilities and of her volunteer work with minority children, according to a press release from the

MDA office. She works as a part-time consultant for the National Migrant Program in south Clackamas County and volunteers with Mexican and Russian children.

Conley, who has muscular dystrophy, has served as a local MDA goodwill ambassador and speaks to various groups on MDA's behalf. She was recently the guest speaker at a support group for parents of children with muscular dystrophy. She says her life is different because of the muscular dystrophy, but she wouldn't have it any other way.

"I wouldn't change it (her life)," she said. "It has made me who I am."

Each year Conley participates in the MDA Labor Day Telethon and many other MDA fund-raising events.

The MDA is considering Conley for the national award to be presented by MDA National Chairman Jerry Lewis

on the Labor Day Telethon. The national awards program was established in 1992 to recognize noteworthy achievements and community service by people with any of the 40 neuromuscular disorders in MDA's program.

"The goal of the program is to focus on success stories of people with disabilities," said Robert Ross, MDA senior vice president and executive director, in a press release. "By identifying and honoring these outstanding individuals, we hope to help raise awareness of the talents and capabilities of people with disabilities."

The MDA Personal Achievement Award process begins on the local level, with each MDA chapter selecting one award recipient. All local recipients are considered for the state award. The winner is considered for the national award.

Meteor shower to light up Eugene sky

By Meg Dedolph
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Get your wishes ready — there shouldn't be any shortage of shooting stars this week when the Perseid meteor shower, an annual phenomenon, peaks this Thursday night.

Jon Elvert, supervisor of the Lane ESD Planetarium, said stargazers would probably be able to see several meteors each hour, not only on Thursday night, but for two or three nights before and after.

Elvert said the best view of the meteor showers would be in the northeast sky.

"You can take out your lawn chair and a blanket," he said. "It's sort of a patient thing that lasts pretty much all night. You just have to be there to watch it."

Elvert said binoculars or telescopes are not necessary to watch the shower, and may restrict a person's view of the sky.

The meteors, often incorrectly called shooting stars, are fragments of debris that burn up

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because of friction as they pass through the earth's atmosphere, he said.

The debris fragments — rock, metal and dust — are from the Swift-Tuttle comet, discovered at the turn of the century. The pieces of debris range in size from grains of sand to rocks the size of a person's fist, Elvert said.

During August, the Earth's orbit passes the planet through

the trail of debris the comet left behind on its trips around the sun.

The fragments are attracted to the Earth and speed through the atmosphere at up to 40 miles a second, burning up as they go.

This is something that happens nearly every night, Elvert said, but because of the amount of debris left behind by the Swift-Tuttle comet, the Perseid meteor shower is more spectacular.

"There's tons of stuff literally being burned up every day in the form of meteors," he said.

While most of the meteors are small fragments, no larger than pebbles, Elvert said that occasionally, a larger fragment will survive the trip through the atmosphere without burning up completely and land on the earth as a meteorite.

"Some meteors may be large enough to reach all the way down to the surface," he said. "In order for something to survive the plunge through the atmosphere, it has to be a rock about the size of your fist."

COMMUNITY UPDATE

• United Way of Lane County is looking for volunteers to serve as production typists, carpenters, cook and office assistants and youth mentors. For more information on these and other positions, call 683-9000.

• The Springfield Community Band will play a concert at Willamalane Park at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 12. The 45-member band, directed by Gene Slayter and Dana Demant, will perform music from *The Music Man* and *The King and I* as well as other selections.

• The Eugene Celebration is looking for entrants in their Battle of the Bands competition. Middle school, high school and garage bands are invited to participate. The deadline for entry is Monday, Aug. 15. For more information, call 688-6738.

• People interested in learning more about the Springfield Millrace can attend a meeting

scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 11 at Springfield City Hall. Speakers at the meeting will discuss how the city plans to ensure water flow and protect fish and wildlife resources.

• Public radio station KLCC is taking applications for three open positions on their volunteer Advisory Commission. The commission advises the station on programming goals, services and other policy decisions. For more information, call 726-2224.

• An introductory workshop in nature photography will be taught by Memo Jasso on Aug. 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the South Slough Reserve, south of Charleston. Pre-registration is required for the workshop, which costs \$2 for members of Friends of South Slough, and \$3 for non-members. For more information, call 503-888-5558.

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• Billy Thompson and The Mighty Penguins
Good Times Cafe and Bar,
9:30 p.m.
Tickets are \$7, \$8.

Saturday, August 13

• Tribe
WOW Hall, 10 p.m.
Admission is \$6

Friday, August 19

• Billy Thompson and The Mighty Penguins
Taylor's College Side Inn,
9:30 p.m.
Admission is \$4.

Sunday, August 14

• Clarion Wind Quintet
Washburn Park, 6 p.m.
Admission is free

Sunday, August 21

• Bohemian Brass Quintet
Washburn Park, 6 p.m.
Admission is free

Tuesday, August 16

• Babes with Axes
Petersen Park Barn, 6 p.m.
Admission is free

Tuesday, August 23

• Sam Hill
Petersen Park Barn, 6 p.m.
Admission is free

Thursday, August 18

• R.K.L., M.D.C., The Detonators and Spankwagon
WOW Hall, 8:30 p.m.
Tickets are \$7, \$8.

Sunday, August 28

• Eugene Symphonic Band
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• The Laura Love Band
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