

Youth Center Open Again, Offers Project JOBS

Temporary Youth Center Coordinator DeAnna Pearl's first and only goal for the center is keeping it open on a consistent basis. "I want to open it every day, that is my number one priority for the youth center and secondly is creating travel activities for youth each month," she said.

Such travel activities would include trips to an ice skating/roller skating rink, an art/history museum, or other activities that the youth express an interest in.

Activities that already have taken place at the youth center include a pool tournament, Red Ribbon week with abundant information for the youth and community, face painting for Halloween, redecorating the center, and mask making. Many kids in the community have come into the center and said how much better it already looks.

As for the building itself, DeAnna is working with the youth on several beautification projects and says, "I would really like the youth to take the building back." They're trying to get several murals hung outside of the building so everyone knows the youth center's location.

DeAnna then wants to bring the same concept inside the building – painting walls, painting a mural, and giving kids an opportunity to get their artistic skills onto the youth center walls. The theme for the youth center mural is "Together We Can, Together We Will." "I think that this is a very empowering way of saying kids are a great motivating force," she said.

DeAnna will work on health education at Siletz Valley School two times a week and the youth center offers tutoring, homework help, and community outreach. The old workout room is now available for community use.

Together We Will ... Together We Can Reduce Hunger in Our Community

The youth center has started a food drive. People can bring non-perishable food to the center and all collected food will be donated to the Siletz Food Pantry.

Stop by the youth center on Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on non-school days and holiday vacations from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. If you have questions, call 541-444-8395 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 395.

Project JOBS

The youth center will serve as the hub for Project JOBS (Job Opportunities Beyond School), a school-to-work program initially serving high school/junior high and fifth- and sixth-graders. Kids come together after school for academics, technical instruction, hands-on experience, job shadowing, and job training that helps prepare them for work after they finish school.

Through Project JOBS, youth explore jobs in forestry, fish and wildlife, native plant restoration, water quality, and water management, archaeology, business administration and clerical support, natural science illustrations, and fine art in the natural world.

Youth will earn school credit, explore careers and related workplace ethics, learn future steps necessary to obtain jobs, engage in hands-on fieldwork and on-the-job training that prepares them to compete for paid positions in forestry and natural science careers.

Project JOBS recently was funded by the Regional Investment Board for \$93,174. Claudia Hatmaker, Ph.D., tribal planner/grant writer, wrote the grant.

Prior to joining CTSI in June, Claudia directed highly successful after-school programs for two school districts in Linn County.

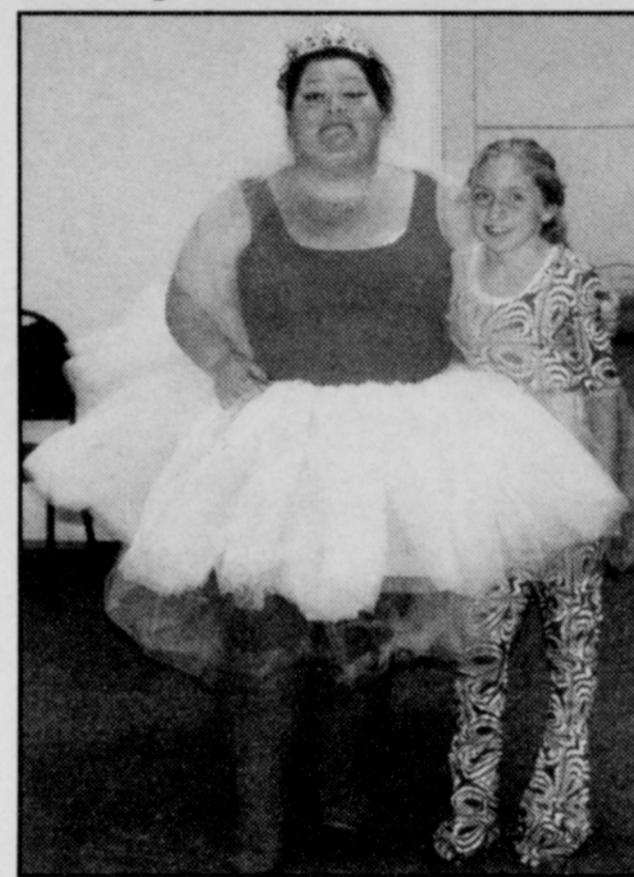
"Funding for this school-to-work project provides hands-on natural science projects and education field

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You can register to vote if you're a resident of Oregon, you're a U.S. citizen, and you'll be age 18 by Election Day.

To register, you must fill out a Voter Registration Form, available at U.S. post offices, DMV offices, and most banks. Forms also are available at www.sos.state.or.us/elections/votreg/vreg.htm.

You're required to furnish your full name, signature, and residence address. You'll also be asked to provide your date of birth and political party



DeAnna Pearl and her niece get into the spirit on Halloween.

trips for 50 children in grades five to eight at Siletz Valley School. It also offers career planning, job shadows, and on-the-job learning experiences for 45 high school-aged youth.

"The grant funds will go a long way in providing quality outdoor learning experiences for youth. It is exciting to see such a high level of commitment from CTSI Natural Resource staff and numerous agencies across the region that are willing to provide instruction at no cost to the project," said Claudia.

The project will begin soon and extends until June 2004.

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New registrants who decide to mail in this form must provide identification. This can be a copy of your current, valid photo identification (such as a driver's license) or a copy of a paycheck stub,

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Jan. 12
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Eugene Area Office
Jan. 15
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