

COMMUNITY LIFE

By Don Snedecor
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Kick up your heels and join in the fun for the monthly **Family Dance put on by Portland Country Dance Community**. Sherry Nevins will provide calling and live music for children and adults of all ages.

The family dances are the second Saturday of each month at Fulton Park Community Center, 68 SW Miles, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. with a potluck dinner afterwards. \$6 for adults, \$5 for children, babies are free, maximum of \$20 per family. For more information call 503-249-5070 or 503-981-2179.

It doesn't just build community among local Native Americans, but the Portland community as a whole. That is what the ninth annual **Portland Community**

College Traditional Winter Powwow (Wacipi) will attempt to accomplish this January at PCC.

The Winter Powwow, which attracts more than 1,000 visitors each year, runs from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19, in the HT Building at the P.C.C. Sylvania Campus, 12000 S.W. 49th Ave. The event is free and open to the public. Parking also is free.

"It's a really important community event," said student coordinator Crystal Rogers, who is a member of the Tlingit Tribe in Northwest Alaska. "I think it is a great opportunity for Native Americans and the community to enjoy a cultural event. It shows what it means to be Native American because each group represented will have their own heritage and backgrounds on display. It's an opportunity for the community to come and enjoy a rich cultural event."

The main staples of the event include grand entries at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., a col-

lege fair from noon to 4 p.m. and community dinner at 5:30 p.m. The powwow will feature master of ceremonies David West (Potawatomi, Miami and Kickapoo nations), arena director Ed Goodell (Confederated Tribes of Siletz).

Plus Northwest Indian Veterans Association Color Guard, Native American merchandise vendors, and Native American food like fry bread and tacos. For more information about the powwow, call the Multicultural Center at (503) 977-4112.

The Multnomah Historical Association is busy planning for **Multnomah Village's 100th birthday party**, to be held August 8-17. All communities, organizations, businesses, schools, and libraries of the Southwest Community are encouraged to take part in the "Multnomah Centennial" celebration.

Among the activities scheduled so far are a kickoff Wine & Cheese event at the Multnomah Arts Center Gallery, a bridge lighting ceremony, a showing of



Actors dressed as "Star Wars" characters entertained shoppers in front of Macy's downtown on December 15. Donations were accepted to benefit the Salvation Army charities. (Post photo by Don Snedecor)

the Multnomah School All-Class Reunion DVD, and the annual Multnomah Days Festival and Parade.

The Multnomah Historical Association meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Multnomah Center. For more information, visit www.multnomahhistorical.com. Volunteers are needed! Contact Patti Waitman-Ingebretsen at pattitwirler@comcast.net or 503-244-6540, or 503-341-0039.

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