

# COCC in good financial shape

Financially, Central Oregon Community College is in good shape, says Pat Ross, Dean of Business Affairs. The buildings are well maintained, the inventory of equipment is reasonably current and the size of the staff is generally adequate for the work to be done.

COCC Directors were told at their regular monthly meeting on January 8 that over the past three years, the College has set aside funds for future construction. The balance of the account is now \$566,000. The funds will be available as matching funds when state construction monies for COCC become available.

Alternatively, this money could be used, after being properly budgeted, for construction or remodeling projects. Ross explained.

"The College's tax base approved in November, 1982, has served us well," President Fred Boyle says. "At the time it was approved, one advantage we anticipated was the ability to plan more efficiently. Unless there is a deterioration of revenues from state reimbursement or student tuition—and providing that inflation remains reasonable—the College will be able to operate through 1989 within its tax base."

In other business, the Board accepted the 1984-85 audit report from Nelson, Trimble and Company, CPAs, and appointed Budget Board members for 1986-88. They include Betty Kramer, Bend, Judy Nelson, LaPine and Mable Merwin, Post. Current members are Don Costello, Sisters; Errol Schneider, Madras and Jerry Martin and Nancy Moore, both of Bend.

A symbolic bond burning opened the meeting. The three bonds totalling \$725,000 issued between 1963 and 1970 funded the four original classroom buildings, the administration building and the vocational-technical building.

# Birds of prey fascinate students

Students at Warm Springs Elementary became acquainted with three birds that share their environment when Oregon High Desert Museum volunteers brought a Birds of Prey exhibit to the school.

The portable Birds of Prey exhibit enabled students to get a close-up view of a great-horned owl, long-eared owl and sparrow hawk. An accompanying touch exhibit permitted the students to actually touch wings and bones of birds. Following the presentation students were given activity sheets which coordinate their studies with the knowledge gained in the exhibit.

Over 9,000 students throughout Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties enjoy the visit of Oregon High Desert Museum Outreach Program volunteers and the Birds of Prey presentation. Funded through two grants from ETNA Life and Casualty and the Shelk foundation the Birds of Prey exhibit is the first

in a series to be presented over a three year period. "High Desert History" and "Porcupines and Other Rodents" are the topics

for the next two years. The High Desert Museum winter hours are 9-4:00 p.m. daily.



Great-horned owl is representative bird of prey shown to students during Oregon High Desert Museum presentation.

# Dinner held honoring Greene, David

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribal Council and the Education Committee held an honor dance for two local people who had been selected for national awards by the National Indian Education Association. Andrew David, Warm Springs elder, was chosen as "1984 Elder of the Year" and Verbena Greene selected as "1985 Parent of the Year" were honored at the dinner held at the Agency Longhouse Saturday, January

11. In 1984 Lillie Heath and Caroline Tohet were nominated for the Elder of the Year award along with Andrew David. The three competed on a national level for the honor. In 1985 Verbena Greene and Jewell Minnick were both nominated for the "Parent of the Year" award. Also nominated from Warm Springs were Pam Keo for "Student of the Year"; also nominated were Charles Calica

and Effie Culpus for "Educator of the Year."

Washut services were held at the honor dinner followed by the Tribal Council recognition speech given by Council chairman Zane Jackson. Others who gave recognition were Charles Calica of the Education Department, Sal Sahme of the Education committee, Geneva Charley from the Greene family and Ellison David from the David family.

# Students place in contest

Two Warm Springs Elementary students have been recognized for their participation in the Indian Health Service safety

poster contest for the Portland Area. Placing first in her division in the three-state contest was first grader Jesse Esquiro. Second grade student Mavis Kirk placed second in her division.

The students initially placed first in their class in a contest held at the elementary school. The local entries were then submitted to the area-wide contest in further competition with students from Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

Students placing in the area-wide contest were awarded monetarily. Jesse receiving \$25.00 and Mavis winning \$10.00.

Local contest winners include: First grade-1. Jesse Esquiro, 2. Betty Lou George; Second grade-1. Mavis Kirk, 2. Tiffney Andrews; Third grade-1. Kelli Palmer, 2. Yvonne Earl; Fourth grade-1. Vena Badroad, 2. Tyrone Spino; and, Fifth grade-1. Alyssa Macy, 2. Leif Suppah.



Warm Springs Elementary students Jesse Esquiro (left) and Mavis Kirk placed in area-wide safety poster contest.

# Class parties are beneficial

by Ed (DUSO) Roley

This school year includes three classroom parties, usually involving a half hour to an hour of class time. Since I recently overheard a comment to the effect that there is little benefit for students in school parties, I'd like to take this opportunity to present a different viewpoint. School parties can become excellent learning situations. Let me tell you about one I attended and you can make up your own mind.

I can't speak for all school parties since I don't attend them all, but I do know about one Mrs. Henry put on, where I was

invited to manage a table where donuts were being sold for three (playmoney) dollars. There were other adults at tables selling a variety of goodies to the kindergarten children who had an equal number of play-dollars. Children were making purchases of the goodies of their choice as their parents would do in a shopping mall.

The party was very much a learning situation for the children who were having a wonderful time. In the process they were making decisions, and using math skills in the process.

The class had held discussions over using their manners

and being courteous as they purchased their goodies. One student would only buy a single brownie, choosing to save his money for another time or perhaps to show it to his parents, even after reminders that he couldn't spend it at Macy's. The clerks were instructed to allow the children to think for themselves as they used the social skills discussed before the party.

Creative teachers like Mrs. Henry will turn school activities into learning situations by creating a learning environment, which is exactly what she did with this party.

Parents are always welcome to come into the school and see for themselves what is happening to their children in the name of education. If you do I think you'll like what you see.



Volunteer Joan Filppi displays sparrow hawk to students during Birds of Prey exhibit.

# Community events at a glance

## Powwow auction

The Lincoln's Day powwow committee will hold an auction at the Simnasho Longhouse Sunday, January 19 beginning at 4 p.m.

## Farewell dinner

A potluck dinner is planned for Bob Bolton, Bureau of Indian Affairs timber sale administrator, on Wednesday, January 29 at the Community Center Social Hall. Bolton will be transferring to Washington, D.C. where he will work for the Eastern Area. His last day in Warm Springs will be January 31.

The public is invited to attend the potluck. People are asked to

## bring two dishes, either a salad, vegetable or a dessert. Salmon for the meal has been donated by the Tribe.

## SAT tests set

Students who are planning to attend a University or four-year College should take the Standard Achievement test (SAT). Applications are available at the Madras High School counselor's office. All Madras seniors are told about upcoming dates, but we would like to remind the parents and guardians of the dates also.

Registration deadline	Test Date
February 7	March 15
March 28	May 3
May 2	June 7

## Volunteer training

Adult volunteers are needed to administer a career awareness exercise to 64 seventh grade students at Madras Jr. High.

The exercise allows students to express their desires for a career as well as learn what skills are needed to enter particular career fields.

Two training sessions will be held for volunteers. Either session may be attended. Volunteer training sessions are scheduled for January 21 from 9-11:00 am and January 23 from 1-3:00 pm at the Warm Springs Community Center.

# Roads to be improved

Locating corner and completing preliminary work is the first step in upgrading four and half miles of Tenino Road. The road, which is poorly designed and easily torn up by logging trucks, is due for a few changes, according to Bureau of Indian Affairs

engineering technician Dick Souers. The proposal for changing the road requires surveying and acquiring more right of way. The design should be complete this spring and contract bids open in the fall. Work is tentatively scheduled to begin in 1987.



Draftsman Eddie Manion sights in point marker while surveying Tenino Road.



Holding driving nail used as point marker engineering technician Leo Hellon helps in preliminary road work.

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# D.A.V. rep. to visit community

Wally Hawkins of Disabled Americans Veterans (DAV) Veteran's Administration of Portland, Oregon will meet with individuals January 24, 1986 at the Warm Springs Community Counseling Center.

Services available to veterans include utilizing V.A. benefits such as medical, education and financial assistance, job development and more.

It is anticipated that assistance will help veterans obtain benefits without the hassles.

Call Charlotte Herkshan at 553-1161, ext. 205, for more information.