



Fourth graders Sharondee Mitchell, left, and Larisa Nayer work on bird house project as part of the ornithology unit being studied in school.



Hammers and nails rang loud and clear on Monday, April 12 as students in Mrs. LaPage's fourth grade class build bird houses as part of their ornithology unit (a study of birds). The students made houses to attract the local songbirds around their homes. The wood used to construct the houses was donated by Miller Lumber in Madras and the nails used were donated by Coast-to-Coast, also in Madras. The class expressed their appreciation of the donations by saying, "We appreciate their generosity to our project."

Mail-in ballots due out soon

Mail-in ballots will be in local mail boxes early next week. Voters will be asked two questions: Should money be appropriated to build a middle school (see page 3), and, should a levy of \$1.9 million be approved for the operation of county programs.

Jefferson County currently operates on a 1914 tax base and the County frequently appeals to voters to approve operating levies. The County, says Judge Dan Ahern, has been "fairly aggressive" in applying for grants that benefit the Confederated Tribes. In 1991, for instance, the County received, in the Tribe's behalf, a \$325,000 regional strategy grant for The Museum at Warm Springs. This year, more than \$250,000 will be received to upgrade the Greeley Heights water system and to construct toilets in Chinook Island at the Cove State Park.

Of the total \$2.3 million County budget, 41 percent goes to the sheriff's office, 12 percent to the assessor's office, eight percent to the district attorney's office, five and one-half percent to the county court and another 30 percent is split among departments such as the juvenile office, OSU Extension, library, planning, public works, environmental general and mental health and the fairgrounds.

Deadline for submitting ballots is Tuesday, May 18.

Respond if You Please to local volunteer program; help save lives, get involved

R.S.V.P.—Usually when people see these initials, it is on the bottom of an invitation to an event, such as a wedding. It is asking for the person to respond to the invitation and let the sender know who and how many guests will be attending the event, so that they can plan accordingly. It is a French expression which literally means "respond if you please". However, it has taken on new meaning in the community of Warm Springs.

Fire and Safety has a paid staff of eight full time and two part-time EMT firefighters. This paid staff has responsibility for coverage both here and at Simnasho. There is one EMT/firefighter on duty 24 hours per day, seven days a week at both stations, with responsibility for covering the entire reservation. The Fire and Safety department has relied on volunteers for many years to fill in the empty spots when it comes to fires, car accidents, rescue and search efforts and medical emergency calls. Many of these volunteers have taken classes on their own time and at their own expense to become certified EMTs. Many also have a regular job

and give up whatever free time they have to respond when an alarm is sounded for a fire, search and rescue or medical emergency call, regardless of the time of night.

In order to recruit volunteers, the department has a policy of paying a stipend of \$5 per rescue call and \$19 per ambulance transport. Needless to say, the funding for this program does not allow for any extras, such as training, uniforms, coats, pants or boots. In other words, there isn't an incentive program to recruit and retain volunteers in the organization. With the present budget crunch on the national, state and local level (including the reservation), the emphasis has been on using volunteers as much as possible. With that in mind, several of the active volunteers decided to start an organization (with the blessing and support of the Fire and Safety regular staff) for volunteers. The volunteers adopted a set of by-laws, elected officers and chose a name for the organization. The name is R.S.V.P., which stands for Rescue/Search Volunteer Program, and means Respond If You Please, which is exactly what the organization wants

its members to do.

R.S.V.P. held its first fund raiser April 17 and 18 at the Jefferson County Sports and Recreation Show at the Fairgrounds. The members had an Indian taco and fry bread booth. To everyone's delight, the endeavor put a few hundred dollars into the volunteers' bank account. But, it would not have been the success it was, were it not for the many businesses and friends who donated items needed for the booth.

The volunteers would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank the follow people for their donations: Macy's Market, Deschutes Crossing, Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, Presbyterian Church, Confederated Tribes Senior Program and Tiger Mart in Madras. A special thank you to Carol Craig for making up all the dough and spending two days cooking fry bread. Without Carol's knowledge and help, we wouldn't have had anything to sell.

Also, a special thank you goes to Jay and DeeAnn Bushard. Both of these people spent countless hours obtaining the necessary paperwork to get the booth, buying and picking

up many of our supplies, running errands, donating time, money and supplies to our effort and spending two days keeping the booth going, from set-up to take-down and everything in between. Their commitment to the effort was invaluable.

We would also like to say thank you to the following individuals for their contribution to the success of

our first fund raiser: Starla Green, Karla and "Bear" Tias, Tom Wright, Donnie Bagley, Erma Garcia, Holly Spino, Larry and Cheryl Holliday, Heather Crow-Martinez, Robert Redden, Donna Smith, Bob Smith, Phil Johnston and Sharon Orr.

We are planning on holding more fund raisers in the future in order to be able to pay for staff/volunteer

training (EMT, firefighter, search and rescue), equipment and supplies and future department needs. R.S.V.P. is trying to get a recruitment program going in the community to get more people interested in being a volunteer. If any community members are interested, contact Karla Tias, Sharon Orr or RaNeve Dowty at Fire and Safety, 553-1634.

Smith picks up Milken award in LA

Six Oregon educators have recently returned from Los Angeles, where they collected \$25,000 each for a total of \$150,000 in awards at the 1993 Milken Family Foundation National Education Conference.

The following educators from Oregon will be honored at the conference: Daniel Tilson, a teacher at Eastwood Elementary School, Roseburg; Ron Nicholson, a teacher at Alsea School, Alsea; Patricia Mack, a principal at Walker Middle School, Salem; Kathryn Porterfield, a teacher at Lynch View School, Portland; Dawn Smith, an assistant principal at Warm Springs Elementary School, Warm Springs; and Bonnie Elliot, a teacher at Bend Senior High School, Bend.

These educators joined more than 100 of their counterparts from across the country—considered among the nation's top K-12 educators—in collecting a total of \$3 million in a single evening.

The awards ceremony marked the culmination of the three-day education conference, held at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles March 25-27.

Each of the 120 educators, recipients of the 1992 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards, was presented \$25,000, no strings attached.

"By presenting each recipient a major financial award," said Lowell Milken, president of the Foundations of the Milken Families, "we are telling these educators that their contributions and expertise are greatly valued—by the Foundation and by society."

The 120 current recipients were caught totally by surprise this past fall when they were told—in most cases by a state superintendent or commissioner of education—that they were to receive the Milken National Educator Awards. Because there is neither an application process nor a nomination procedure, recipients had no idea they even were being considered for the awards.

Instead, blue-ribbon selection



Dawn Smith, assistant principal at Warm Springs Elementary, received the Milken Family Foundation award at recent ceremonies in Los Angeles.

committees, composed of education professionals and appointed by each state's department of education, operated quietly and anonymously to select the recipients.

The awards program has grown to include 20 states. In each, six K-12 teachers and administrators were selected last summer and honored at a state banquet in the fall. These banquets are a significant element of the awards program, said Milken, because there the educators are recognized publicly by their peers and the community. Another important component, he said, is the professional development opportunity provided for award recipients at the Conference.

Today these educators—from 20 states as far-flung as Hawaii, Alaska, Connecticut and Georgia—are back home, with ideas to share and stories to tell of Michael Jackson perform-

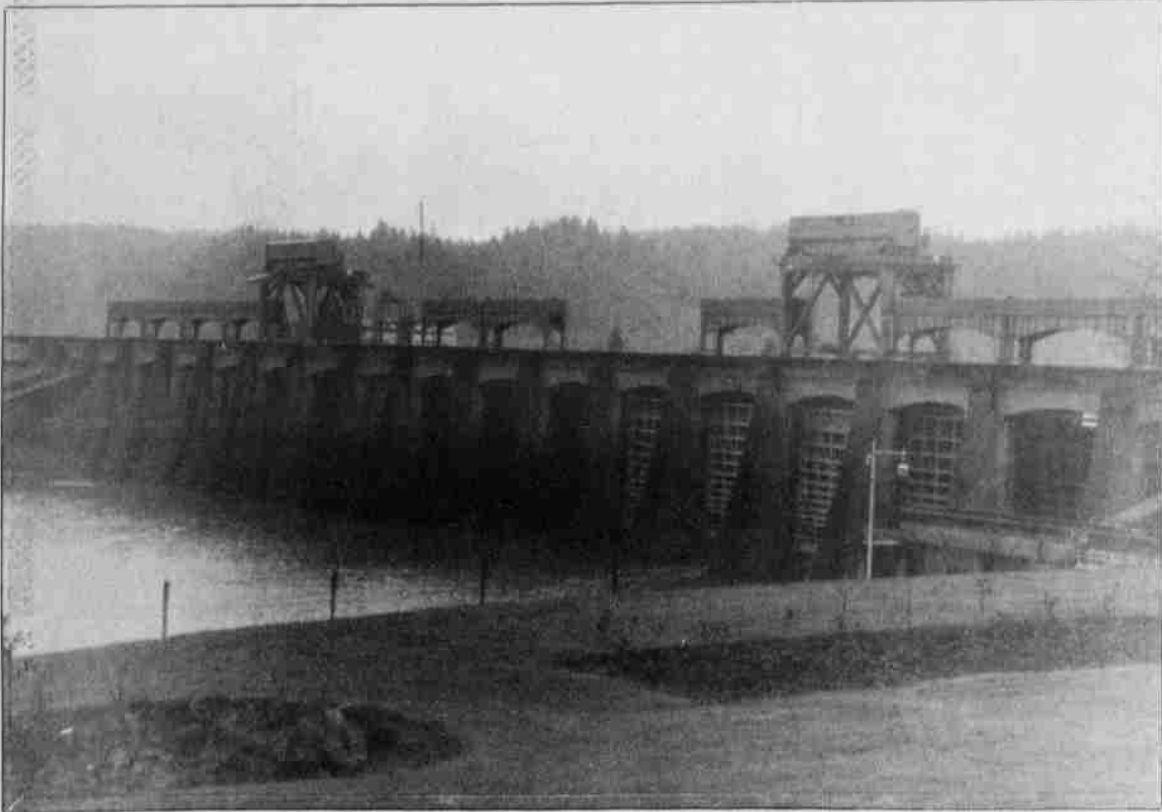
ing at their awards ceremony.

In addition to the 120 current award recipients, the 312 former recipients were invited to the Conference, a practice followed each year. Twenty state superintendents and commissioners of education took part in the full agenda of presentations, workshops and discussions and met there with recipient-educators from their own states to discuss educational issues.

Kansas Governor Joan Finney, and Nevada Governor Bob Miller and First Lady Sandy Miller participated, as did leaders from the entertainment, communications and business communities.

The theme of the Conference was "The Interaction of Schools, Families and Communities." Keynote addresses were delivered by sociolo-

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The Jr. Buff sixth grade class of Mr. MacIntosh, made an all day field trip to the Columbia River Gorge, and while there they visited the Bonneville Dam site, the Cascade Locks, a fish hatchery, and also had a lecture from one of the Fish and Wildlife representatives from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs regarding the In-lieu fishing sites the Confederated Tribes retain from the signing of the treaty of 1855. There are several sites along the river where the members of the Confederated Tribes can fish. The usual customary places run from the Cascade Locks area above the John Day Dam. The Class thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

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The crime of vandalism strikes again as 37 highway signs were damaged on Jackson Trail Road during the weekend of April 16-18. The damage began at approximately milepost 2.5, near the hydro-project turn-off, and ended at milepost 8, by the old Seekseequa Church. The cost of materials to replace damaged signs totaled approximately \$300. The cost for man hours for the two employees who left their normally scheduled duties to repair these signs and for a van totaled \$625. By not having these signs present, the persons responsible for the vandalism endangered the lives of anyone who was driving on Jackson Trail Road the three-and-one-half days it took to repair and replace them.