

Middle School students attend conference to perform



Native American students that traveled with Hispanic students of Jefferson County Middle School at the Oregon School Board Association Meeting.

Representatives of Jefferson County Middle School attend Education conference to perform for dignitaries and bring pride to principal and chaperones.

Native American dancing and Hispanic dancing was the entertainment of a trial performance that caught the eye of Oregon School Board Association. They were impressed and said that the kids were wonderful.

The students were then invited to perform at the Oregon School Board Association Conference held in Portland, Oregon.

They arrived in Portland November 9th, spent part of the day at OMSI, at dinner at the Lloyd Center and took in a movie together.

November 10, the students gave their performance, with the guidance of Foster Kalama, to the conference attendees.

"It was just so amazing, so incredible, I was so proud of our kids," says Pat Kelly. "We like to highlight our school and one of our strengths is that we have a lot of diversity here, and we're trying to share that and let everyone know how special that is," Kelly continues.

The flute players practice with Foster and the Native American dancers practice with Jackie Kelly, J'Dean Kalama and Anna Hurtado, while the Hispanic dancers work with Martha Reels and Henrietta Leach to sharpen their talents in dancing.

It all came together as a performance of enjoyment. The kids were brave to get up and perform in front of such a large crowd.

The kids were wonderful, they performed well together and got along well together.

Foster did the introduction of the Native American performers and he did a great job," Kelly concludes.

Date set for School Carnival

The eight annual Warm Springs Elementary School Carnival is coming up. The carnival will held in the W.S.E. gym on Thursday, December 14, 2000 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.

All proceeds from the carnival will go toward the Accelerated Math Program. Accelerated Math is an individualized program on the computer used to strengthen math concepts.

A cake walk will be one of the many attractions. Donated cakes, cookies, cupcakes, pies, etc. will be on Wednesday, December 14th. The donations will be greatly appreciated.

The carnival will include many exciting games, prizes, food, pictures with Santa, and lots of fun.

Please join us on Thursday, December 14th from 6:00-8:30 p.m. for another terrific Warm Springs Elementary Carnival.

Scholarship information given

Undergrad scholarship: Each year, the Morris K Udall Foundation awards undergraduate scholarships of up to \$5,000 to American juniors and seniors in fields related to the environment, and to Native American and Alaska Natives in fields related to health care or tribal policy.

The Foundation will award approximately 75 scholarships to outstanding students, to be known as Morris K. Udall scholars, in the spring for use during the next academic year.

The awards will be made on the basis of merit to two groups of students: 1. Those who are college sophomores or juniors in the current academic year, have outstanding potential, and are in fields related to the environment; and 2. Native American and Alaskan Native students who are college sophomores or juniors in the current academic year, have outstanding potential, and are in fields related to health care or tribal public policy.

Two-year and four-year institutions are eligible to nominate up to a total of six students from either or both categories, although it is recommended that the total be equally divided between them.

To be considered, a student must be nominated by his or her college or university using the official nomination materials provided to each institution. Each scholarship covers eligible expenses for tuition, fees, books, and room and board, up to a maximum of \$5,000.

Scholarship recipients are eligible for one year of scholarship support. Scholarship monies not used during one academic year are not transferable to the succeeding academic year. Scholars selected during their sophomore year may be renominated during the next year's competition. Junior nominees may not be renominated. Freshmen are not eligible.

High School essay competition launched

Cash awards totaling \$5,000 are available to Oregon high school students through the seventh annual Independence Essay Competition, organized by Cascade Policy Institute. The entry deadline is March 15, 2001; guidelines are available online at www.cascadepolicy.org/essay.asp or by calling (503) 242-0900.

The Competition's theme, "exploring the foundations of freedom," encourages students to consider the meaning of liberty and the proper role of government in a free society. This year's topic relates to a quote by American Revolutionary Thomas Paine: "The more perfect civilization is, the less occasion has it for government, because the more does it regulate its own affairs, and govern itself."

Students are asked to select personal responsibility, private charity or free markets as their essay focus, and explain why we are better off accomplishing goals and solving problems through private, voluntary actions rather than through government. Cascade's website offers suggested short readings for background on the topic.

"All high school students are eligible to participate, not just college-bound seniors," notes Angela Eckhardt, program director at the Portland-based Cascade Policy Institute. "Public, private and home-schooled students are all encouraged to enter."

An independent panel of judges will select the winners, who will receive up to \$1,000 each. The judges are Pamela Hulse Andrews, CEO & Publisher, Cascade Business News;

John A. DiLorenzo, Jr., partner, Hagen, Dye, Hirsch & DiLorenzo, P.C.; Karen Hinsdale-Berkman, owner, The Cellar Door; Jackman Wilson, editorial page editor, Eugene Register Guard; and James Winters, president, United Energy, Inc.

Sponsors of the Independence Essay Competition include the Bonavia Family Charitable Trust, Centerpoint Graphics, Constructive Management Foundation, and Friesen Lumber Company.

Cascade Policy Institute is a non-profit research and educational organization that focuses on Oregon state and local issues. The Institute's mission is to explore and promote public policy alternatives that foster individual liberty, personal responsibility, and economic opportunity.

Walk to Bethlehem set for Dec.

"Walk to Bethlehem," featuring seven tableaux relating to the birth of Jesus, will be presented at the First Methodist Church of Bend, 680 NW Bond Street, on December 16 from 4 to 6 p.m., and from noon to 2:00 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. on December 17.

During the presentations, guides representing persons of Biblical times will escort "travelers" on a 20-minute journey past "living pictures" (silent, motionless characters, posed in scenes of the Christmas Story). Scenes to be portrayed will be:

The Foretelling by Old Testament Prophets, The Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel, The Journey of Bethlehem, The Scene at the Inn, The Shepherds in the Fields, The Christ Child in the Manger, and The Visit of the Three Wise Men.

The "Walk to Bethlehem" has been presented biennially as a yuletide event by the congregation and constituents of Bend First United Methodist since the early 1970s. The public is invited. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

COCC offers Winter courses

All forms of region for Central Oregon Community College's (COCC) Community Education winter classes will begin Dec. 7.

The fall schedule, with more than 300 noncredit enrichment classes, will be mailed Dec. 7 to all students who enrolled in community education classes with the previous year.

In addition, the schedule will be delivered with The Bulletin on Dec. 11 in all delivery areas.

Students can register by mail, e-mail, fax, telephone, on the web, or in person. Registration forms will be processed in the order received.

To register, fill out one of the registration forms in the back of the schedule or go to www.cocc.edu/ce.

COCC staff can enroll students in classes throughout the district from any center location. They can also check the availability of a class, handle a cancellation or answer questions about classes at any center.

For more information or to receive a schedule, contact the COCC center in Warm Springs at 553-1428.

COIC has moved to
243 SW 3rd Street,
Suite A, Madras, OR
97741
(541) 475-7118.

Please submit your proposal to the Small Business Development Center, 1134 Paiute St., W.S.O. if interested in leasing the space at the Warm Springs Plaza, 3240 Walsey Lane, suite #3,

Warm Springs Community Wellness Center Special Activities Schedule

December

- 5—Christmas Tree Lighting at Community Wellness Center.
- 9—Annual Christmas Bazaar, 25th Annual.
- 12—November Fitness Challenge Awards Luncheon.
- 13—Family Craft making night.
- 21—Last minute Christmas Bazaar

COCC Christmas concert to be held Dec. 9th at Bend

The Cascade Chorale will present its Christmas concert in two locations. The chorale will perform at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 9, at the First Presbyterian Church of Bend. The concert will be repeated at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 10th, in Eugene Southwell Auditorium in Crook County High School in Prineville. The 110-voice ensemble is under the direction of Clyde Thompson, assistant professor of music at Central Oregon Community College.

The concert will feature several selections from the Baroque era as well as new works by such composers as John Tavener and a brand-new work for Christmas by Thompson. Strings, brass, percussion and organ

will join the chorale in this celebration of the season. A vocal jazz arrangement of the well-known "Christmas Song" by Mel Torme will be included along with fresh arrangements of other familiar songs and carols.

Tickets for this concert are \$6 adults and \$4 seniors and students. They can be purchased through COCC Box Office (383-7575), at the door or at <http://www.cocc.edu/linearts>.

Anyone wishing to attend this event who has special needs resulting from a physical disability should contact Gene Zinkgraf, ADA coordinator, at least three days in advance of the event. He can be reached at 383-7775 or through the college's TTY number, 383-7708.

Volunteers needed in Central Oregon

SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) will again begin its tenth year in Central Oregon in the fall of 2000. SMART provides trained volunteers and new books to children in kindergarten, first and second grades, and will now serve third graders. The SMART program is sponsored by local businesses, foundations and service organizations. The goals of the program are to help get children to grade level by the time they leave elementary school, which will increase the number of children graduating from high school.

There are 23 SMART schools in

Central Oregon's three counties this year. Our goal is to read to 25% of the kindergarten, first, second and third graders. We will need approximately 1,450 volunteers to read to all of the eligible children.

The benefits of SMART include students coming to school more often, improved student self-esteem, high student reading assessments and volunteers returning to work more productive.

We need volunteers who can give an hour a week and want to make a difference in the life of a child. Call your local school or the Central Oregon SMART office at 383-7575.

Award-winning author to visit WSE

Poet, playwright, essayist Jarold Ramsey grew up near Madras. His visit is sponsored by the Essential Education Department of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Beginning November 27, the National Book Foundation will sponsor a four-day Residency by award-winning poet Jarold ("Jerry") Ramsey on the Reservation of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The residency is part of the Foundation's "American Voices" program, a unique, community outreach project designed to promote reading and writing as a means of preserving American Indian Culture.

During the week, Mr. Ramsey will meet with students at Warm Springs Elementary School. He will give a free reading and discussion for the public on Wednesday, November 29, at 6 p.m., at the Warm Springs Elementary School gymnasium. A reception will follow. For more information about the reading call Julie Quaid or Dénys White at 541-553-3241.

Courtesy of the National Book Foundation, all participating students and teachers have received a free copy of *The Stories We Tell: An Anthology of Oregon Folk Literature*, edited by Jarold Ramsey and Suzi Jones. The National Book Foundation has also made book donations to the elementary school library.

Julie Quaid, Director of the Essential Education Department for

the Reservation of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs was the main liaison who worked with the National Book Foundation to coordinate Mr. Ramsey's residency. "We hope this will be the first of many visits Jerry will make to our local school," Ms. Quaid said. "Our students and teachers are very excited about meeting an author-even better, an author who grew up near our tribal community."

Meg Kearney, Assistant Director of the National Book Foundation and coordinator of the program, will attend the four-day event with Mr. Ramsey.

Jerry Ramsey was born in Bend, Oregon, and raised on a ranch north of Madras. Although he has been living and teaching on the East coast for many years, he and his wife recently moved back to Madras.

Mr. Ramsey has published four books of poems: *The Space Between us: Love in an Earthquake*; *Dermographia*; and most recently *Hand-Shadows*. He has published his poems in many major literary magazines, such as *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Poetry Northwest*, and *Shenandoah*, and his poems have appeared in several anthologies. Mr. Ramsey is also a playwright, essayist, and anthologist.

A well-respected and beloved teacher, Mr. Ramsey has been a professor of English, Creative Writing, American Indian Literature, Environ-

mental Literature, Shakespeare, and Modern poetry at such places as the University of Washington, The University of Rochester (New York), and the University of Victoria (British Columbia). The co-founder of the University of Rochester Summer Writers Workshop and University of Rochester Storytelling Conference, Jerry has also directed the Summer Seminars for School Teachers on Indian literature, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, and served as chair of the Modern Language Association's Committee on the Languages and Literatures of America.

Established by the Foundation in 1993, "American Voices" brings national Book Award authors to Indian Reservations nationwide. The visiting authors discuss with readers of all ages the aims and inspirations that fuel the writing life, and the importance of preserving history and stories through the written and spoken word.

Leadership support for American Voices is provided by the Lannan Foundation, with additional funding from the National Endowment of the Arts, Michel Roux/Grand Marnier Foundation, Olivia Goldsmith and Deborah E. Wiley.

Copies of *The Stories We Tell* was offered to the National Book Foundation at a deep discount by Oregon State University Press.

509-J Winter Calendar of Events

- Warm Springs Elementary**
December 13th-K-2nd @ 10 am
December 13th-3rd-4th @ 1:15 pm
in the Warm Springs Gym
December 14th-Winter Carnival @ 6-8:30 pm WS Gym
December 16th to January 1st-No School Winter Break!
- Jefferson Co. Middle School**
December 4th-8th-Canned food drive sponsored by leadership students
December 8th-Winter Dance 7th & 8th Grade 3:30-5 p.m.
December 12th-The Winter Choral Concert @ 7:30 pm in the commons.
December 13th-The 5th & 6th Chorus @ 6 pm (before band)
December 13th-The 7th & 8th Grade Band Concert @ 7:30 pm in the large gym.
- Madras High School**
December 11th-Band and Choir @ 7:30 pm. MHS Gym

United Indian Students in Higher Education Christmas Powwow

- December 8th, 2000
Portland State University
Peter W. Stott Center, Main Gym
MC—Arnold Littlehead
Whipman—to be announced
Grand Entry, 7:00 p.m. (one session)
All exhibition dancing
All are Welcome, All Drums
Welcome (first 15 paid)
For information: P.O. Box 751,
Portland, OR 97201
Phone 503-725-5671, FAX 503-725-5680, E-mail
uishe@mail.pdx.edu
This is a drug and alcohol free event
Stay tuned for our annual spring powwow, three days of competition dance, May 18-20, 2001

United Indian Students in Higher Education Is having an Art Contest!

- We are looking for some good art work for our logo. We also need a piece to use for our annual spring Powwow poster. If we like your work we'll pay you \$\$\$.
- 1st Place \$200, 2nd Place \$100
F.Y.I. This year our powwow theme is "Ending the Myth"
- Put your work on an 8 x 10 piece of paper and ship it to us by January 15, 2001
- Don't forget to give us your name, address and phone number so we can send you the cash if you win.
- Questions? 503-725-5671
- Send your work to:
UISHE @ Portland State University
P.O. Box 751-SD
Portland, OR 97207
(All entries that are not winners will be returned)