

Learn cornhusk weaving

A cornhusk weaving class is scheduled for January at the Museum at Warm Springs. The class will be in the museum Education Room.

Those planning to attend, please bring cornhusks and weaving material for regular class sessions beginning Jan. 7.

There will be a beginners one-day workshop on Jan. 6. Classes are from 6 to 8 p.m. Dates are Jan. 6-7, 13-14, 17, 20-21, 27-28 and 31.

The cornhusk classes are the first in a series of Cultural Enrichment classes being offered for the Columbia River Plateau people, and members of the Confederated Tribes.

Register by calling 553-3331.

Placement test set

The Central Oregon Community Council (COCC) placement test will be given Dec. 17 at 9 a.m. in the Education Building.

Many community colleges in Oregon will accept the COCC placement test in lieu of their own. Call 553-1428 for more information.



Lena Ike presents check to Myrna Frank

Selena Boise/Spiiyay

The SMART reader program begins with volunteer readers, a SMART coordinator, and students who will benefit from this reading program. Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino has donated \$500 to assist the program this year.

SMART coordinator, Myrna Frank, accepts the donation for the children who

will be reading to or listening to volunteer readers from the community.

The SMART program is designed to assist students with their reading skills to become better readers. "The students read the books and find out that there is a story," says Frank.

Students will read weekly and be able to take books home with them. This new book will

be a part of the student's own personal library. These books are given to students and the supply of books is replenished consistently to provide more choices for the readers. There are currently about 13 volunteer readers for this school year. Frank is hoping that more volunteers will join in this effort to build reading skills.

McGee & Me proves popular

By D. "Bing" Bingham
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Carol Allison and the crew at the Community Wellness Center figured they had their bases covered when they prepared snacks for about 30 kids at the first 'McGee & Me' party.

They had to do some fast thinking when over 80 kids showed up. Fortunately, they got the job done. Now, after they had over a hundred youngsters attend the second party, they plan ahead to feed an entire crowd.

'McGee & Me' is a series of character building videos that are wildly popular with children.

"Kids have been watching [the videos] in my room for years and they just love 'em," says Carol Allison, Family Event Coordinator at the Community Wellness Center.

The videos contain a life lesson to which children can relate: One is about lying, another is about bullying and peer pressure. Still another teaches children about being happy with who they are and not trying to be someone they're not.

"It's about this boy and he's an artist in school. He draws a little cartoon character...called McGee," says Allison, "The

character is the boy's best friend and he reminds the boy of the good things he should be doing."

She continues, "The boy doesn't always listen to the cartoon character and he usually gets in trouble. It's everyday happenings and it's consequences. I think the reason the kids like them so well is [the main character] is in the same situation they're in practically every day." That's when Carol's brainstorm happened: "Why don't we have a party centered around those videos?"

She gathered some help from the Victims of Crimes Services and Community Counseling. Then she put together some gifts with the assistance of Kah-nee-ta High Desert Resort and Casino.

The third 'McGee & Me' party will happen at the Community Wellness Center on December 30 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The theme will be from the video, 'The Fight Before Christmas.' "It's about a Christmas play at school and the boys get in a fight," she says. Snow sleds will be given away to children, and there will be plenty of Nachos on hand for the kids to make and eat.

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