

## Church gatherings focus on youth

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Seventy-seven kids from Warm Springs Elementary School walked away from class on a Tuesday afternoon.

They weren't actually cutting class. In fact, they were accompanied by eight adults, as they walked across a lawn to the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church on Warm Springs Street for Good News Club.

Good News Club is a club for elementary school children from kindergarten through fifth grade that meets for one hour a week. The teachers and leaders, all volunteers from the Madras and Warm Springs areas, lead the children through lessons from the Bible and songs about biblical themes such as God's love and kindness.

Good News Clubs are a ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF), a national organization devoted to teaching children about Jesus Christ and the Christian faith since 1937. Good News Club teachers and leaders are all volunteers and each receive training to make the one-hour sessions move quickly and keep the children interested in the message.

Children are encouraged to learn and memorize verses from the Bible that explain the Christian faith, like John 3:16.

Through what they learn at the club meetings, they have the opportunity, either at the club or on their own, to decide to accept Jesus Christ and the Christian faith.

Children can receive prizes at Good News Club, either immediately in a "grab bag"-style, for reciting a Scripture verse or prizes earned over the course of a quarter, like a Good News Club T-shirt for children who memorize a set of verses.

Children can receive paper-bound Bibles. The children are each interviewed so volunteers



Girls in first and second grades at Warm Springs Elementary School sing at Good News Club at Warm Springs Presbyterian Church. Good News Club meets every Tuesday starting at 1 p.m.

can better know the child and their spiritual experience and needs. If a child indicates he does or doesn't they don't have a Bible, they are provided one, even if they might have one at home they've forgotten about.

"We give them one anyway," Moore said. "We figure hopefully it'll get into the hands of an adult."

The boys and girls from each of the two shifts are separated on opposite ends of a large room at the Presbyterian Church. Gladys Grant, who has been involved as a Good News Club teacher for 25 years, leads the program for the girls, while Phyllis Moore, who was an elementary school teacher for 20 years, leads the program on the boys side of the room.

Moore taught fifth and sixth grades in Madras, and those skills help in teaching children at Good News Clubs. She had been teaching in Good News Clubs in Culver and Metolius for 13 years before Grant needed help.

"Jim Cunningham, who was director at the time, was going to be gone and asked if I'd take the boys one week," she said.

Through a series of events, Moore ended up teaching the boys full-time. "It's a challenge," she said. "They're sweet and I see real potential."

But it takes creativity, patience and a lot of help to keep the boys, who can include as many as 20 at a time, quiet and focused on the message. On this particular Tuesday, 19 boys from the older grades attended, while 10 from the younger grades attended the second hour. Twenty-nine girls came to the first hour, while 21 attended during the second hour.

"You can tell the difference with kids who have grown up in Sunday school and who have been read to," Moore said. Most of the children in Good News Club at Warm Springs don't have either, and that, she said, has an effect on their attention spans.

She said there is a difference between the children from the older group that may have attended Good News Club during their earlier grades from the times they started.

"There's a payoff," she said. "You can see how far they've come."

At 1 p.m., Grant, Moore, and the six other volunteers, who help in presenting the program and maintaining decorum (these are elementary school children, after all) walk to the front door at Warm Springs Elementary School to gather the children from the older group, from grades three to five. A couple boys run to greet the volunteers from one direction, and then a couple girls do the same from another.

"The teachers here do a good job about reminding the kids (when it's time to leave for Good News Club)," Moore said.

She said the club helps teach discipline in a classroom and respect for authority, things which only help when they go back to school.

With the boys and girls groups each taking different routes, the children walk in single-file lines to the church and meet in their ends of the meeting room.

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## Course helps business owners

The Warm Springs Small Business Development Center is sponsoring Oregon Native American Business Entrepreneurial Network (ONABEN) classes beginning this month.

The first course, You and Your Business Ideas, is scheduled from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 31.

This course will be followed by the series, Starting a Successful Business, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays from April 7 through June 2. This intensive class helps avoid the costly mistakes common in small business,

providing the framework for successful business start-up by assisting in planning and writing a bankable business plan.

This invaluable training is essential whether the individual is applying for financing or looking for a basic operating plan to keep the business focused and growing. Tuition is \$100, including textbooks. Tribal members who successfully complete this ONABEN course will be reimbursed their tuition. Classes will be held at the Small Business Development Center, 1134 Paiute St. Call the center at 553-3592.

## Equipment Sale Time

**April - Murphy Farm Sale  
Auction - Prineville**

**April 23rd - Annual Spring  
Farm Equipment Consignment  
Auction - C.O.L.A., Madras**

### SALE CALENDAR

**March 14th - Barry Ranch Angus & Hereford Bull Sale  
March 14th - Commercial Pair Sale**

**Central Oregon Livestock Auction  
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## Students invited to art, culture program

Eight students between 15 and 18 years old who are interested in creating art and exploring their own culture will join a group of eight Native youth from the Portland area for Journeys in Creativity: Explorations in Native Art and Culture, a program at the Oregon College of Art and Craft in Portland, sponsored by the college, The Museum at Warm Springs, and Kah Nee Ta High Desert Resort and Casino, June 17-22.

The program includes visual art workshops, field trips, and live performances, with each day beginning at 9 a.m. and ending between 7 to 8 p.m. Participants have an opportunity to explore the life of a college art student at the well-equipped studios of Oregon College of Art and Craft.

The program includes field trips to local art museums and galleries and visits to book and

art supply stores like Powell Books in downtown Portland. Two public performances featuring storytelling and traditional dance are scheduled during the week.

Students will stay in housing near the college in the West Hills section of Portland. Transportation, all meals, housing and bedding are provided, and chaperones accompany the students 24 hours a day.

Interested students must apply to be considered for the program. They must complete an application form, submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher, community leader or other non-related adult who knows the student well, as well as a letter about 200 words long stating why the student is interested in the program.

Students may also submit examples of their artwork. The works cannot be returned, how-

ever.

Applications are available at The Museum at Warm Springs and at the Warm Springs Post Office. All materials must be submitted to Oregon College of Art and Craft or The Museum at Warm Springs by Friday, April 15. Applicants will be notified by May 2.

Selected Journeys in Creativity applicants must attend a one-day orientation in Warm Springs June 11. For more information, contact Dora Smith at The Museum at Warm Springs at 553-3331. Additionally, a meeting to provide information on the program is scheduled for 7 p.m. March 29 at The Museum at Warm Springs.

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## Young Achiever Leanne Smith-Lucero

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Leanne Smith-Lucero is a fifth-grader at Warm Springs Elementary. She excels in all her classes, especially math and reading. "Leanne is a very hard worker who always tries her hardest, and she's right at the top of all our academic programs," said school principal Dawn Smith.

Leanne said her favorite subjects at school are math and reading. She also likes PE. Outside of school, she likes to read and to read her bike.

