

# Local schools help hurricane victims

Jefferson County School District 509-J is partnering with the Oregon Department of Education and the Oregon National Guard to collect and deliver supplies to those students who have been severely impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

Operation Backpack is Oregon's part of the national effort by the Council of Chief State School Officers to assist the victims of Katrina.

509-J superintendent Guy Fisher and state superintendent

Susan Castillo are asking students, teachers and members of the community to put together backpacks (and book bags) filled with pencils, pens, paper and other school supplies for victims of the hurricane.

The backpacks can be dropped off at any 509-J school or the district's School Support Building, 445 S.E. Buff Street in Madras.

The supplies will help students and teachers get "back to school" as quickly as possible.

Transportation will be coordinated by the National Guard and supplies will be delivered to where they are needed, including Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, said Ted Viramonte, 509-J alternative resources specialist, who is coordinating the district's effort.

Supplies will also go to students in Texas, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina, and Portland - areas where some students from the devastated region have re-

located. "The District understands how important it is every student have the necessary means and supplies to be successful in her or his education, so we're mobilizing to help ensure each student impacted by Katrina has those supplies," Viramonte said.

A full list of supplies broken out by student age groups can be accessed on the Internet at [www.ode.state.or.us/news/disasters/katrina/](http://www.ode.state.or.us/news/disasters/katrina/).

## Calendar

The Museum at Warm Springs Education Program 2005 fall activities: Every Wednesday, Oct. 5-Nov. 16, adult class cedar root weaving, \$45 per adult. Saturday, Nov. 26, bead and weaving art fair. Saturday, Dec. 18, holiday art fair. Call 553-3331, ext. 407 for information.

Diabetes Program: Everyone is welcome to attend our Healthy Breakfast every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. On Sept. 27, Education will be presented by the Nutrition program. Join us at the Health and Wellness Center in the Kitchen Conference Room, 8:45 to 10 a.m.

Dialysis/diabetes prevention support group meets at the Senior Center every third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is Sept. 20.

## 25 years ago this week

From the September 16, 1980 edition of the Spilyay Tymoo.

Armed with great determination to "get the ball rolling," representatives of the 12 Columbia River basin tribes gathered at Spokane to discuss the possibility of a unified water commission. All tribal representatives agreed that unity is the key to the commission's success.

"We need a more organized voice in the Columbia River basin - we must form this commission," said Warm Springs Tribal Council Chairman Delbert Frank. "We must use our sovereign rights together and unify."

He said, "Whether we want Carter's water policy or not, no coalition or commission is going to undo it. You should use the policy as beneficially as possible within the law." In other news:

The remaining 600 or so Klamath Indians received final payment for 135,000 acres of tribal land that the federal government condemned in the 1960s. A total of \$81 million was divided among the members with some individual checks reaching as high as \$170,000.

The Klamaths have received two previous payments with extensive media coverage each time. However this time, news reporters were barred from the inside of the U.S. National Bank in Klamath Falls to avoid, what a bank official termed, "a circus-like atmosphere." And this news:

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