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Joanna Williams, Isac Zacarias and Nicholas Katchia recently traveled to Salem where they presented to state representatives and the Governor's Council. The members of the Madras High School Youth Development Team were also recognized on the house floor for their work on the film "Silent Message."

More tribal member entries wanted at the County Fair

By Leslie Mitts
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The Jefferson County Fair is a few months away, but it is already time to start preparing entries.

It is also time for people to start considering other ways to participate.

This year the Jefferson County Fair will take place during the week of July 24.

Brigette Whipple is serving as the superintendent for the Native American department for the third year in a row, and said it is the ideal time for people to start preparing their entries.

"There's a whole bunch of neat things people can enter," Whipple said. While they do have quite a few entries, Whipple said there is always room for more.

"We have a pretty good turnout," Whipple said. "We could have a better turnout, I think."

Over the past few years, participation of tribal members in the fair hasn't been as strong, Whipple said.

"It's kind of dwindled," she explained. "It's really minimal right now."

According to Whipple, "Participation with the tribes in the parade is almost non-existent anymore. I hope people want to participate this year."

But there are some community members who participate frequently—"Lucinda Green usually sets up her frybread stand and teepee, which is nice," Whipple said.

Participation in the county event is something that Whipple views as important.

In her opinion, "It'll show the community or the county that there are still Natives practicing their culture, and they're proud of it."

In addition, she said, children will be more encouraged to practice their native crafts.

As someone who has been entering items into the fair since a very young age, Whipple has years of experience.

"You get to see what other people are working on," Whipple added.

If that isn't enough motivation, Whipple said, "It's a lot of fun."

If someone wishes to enter an item into the fair but is unable to travel to Madras, Whipple said, they can drop off their items at the Wild Rye Bread Gallery where they will be transported.

Whipple also encourages tribal members to volunteer to sit at the Native American booth to speak with community members and those attending the fair.

Volunteers will sit at the informational booth from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. for two-hour shifts.

Plus, Whipple said, if there is any interest in including more teepees or providing dancing as entertainment, she encourages people to call her.

Anyone with questions may call Whipple at 553-1216.

(For a list of all the fair category entries see page 3.)

Kah-Nee-Ta offering scholarship opportunity

Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino is accepting applications for the 2007 male and female scholarship award.

This opportunity is for Warm Springs tribal members choosing to further their education at an accredited secondary learning institute as a full time or part time student.

Applications will be available at the Warm Springs Education Building and Kah-Nee-Ta's human resources office, and must

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