

Church food drive relies on donations

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Spilyay Tymoo

The food bank at the Presbyterian Church is receiving the gift of donations this holiday season.

Two local food drives have been set up to benefit the food bank that helps Warm Springs community members.

Pastor Rick Ribeiro said the food bank has been in operation at the Presbyterian Church for about 23 years.

Each year Warm Springs Elementary School students hold a food drive during the holiday season in support of the food bank, Ribeiro said.

"It does wonders for me," Ribeiro said of the school's annual food drive. "I always end up with a good pickup load of food."

In addition, community members can donate food for the food bank in bins set up at the Administration Building.

The donations will help the families who receive support from the food bank—about 30 to 50 people each month, Ribeiro said.

While many community members receive help from the Commodities Warehouse, Ribeiro said, there are still people who seek help from the food bank. Some community members also receive help from food banks in Madras, he added.

The food at the food bank comes from donations as well as the Neighborhood Impact Program in Redmond, and Ribeiro said he's seen changes in the amount of food given.

"It is dramatically reducing in its volume because of the dramatic increase in the demand for food," Ribeiro said.

The packages from the food bank are pre-loaded depending on the amount of people in a family, Ribeiro said, and feature a certain number of canned vegetables, soups and other items.

Due to certain restrictions, Ribeiro said, there are types of

items that he can't accept as donations unless an extremely large quantity is donated. Items like toilet paper, coffee, sugar and oil are in high demand and can only be distributed fairly if an extraordinarily large quantity is donated, he explained.

However, Ribeiro said, canned goods and dry goods are always welcome in any amount. They are particularly in need of canned vegetables, he added.

The staff at Kah-Nee-Ta is also aiming to help the community this holiday season.

They are collecting donated toys and clothing in support of the Department of Human Services Volunteer Services' Holiday Project for Madras and Warm Springs children.

New toys and clothes were donated at the designated boxes at both the casino and lodge main entrances until yesterday, Dec. 17.

Student art entries due in January

Entries for the 2009 Native American Student Artist Competition are due next month.

The U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education reminds everyone that all artwork and essays must be postmarked by Friday, Jan. 16, 2009.

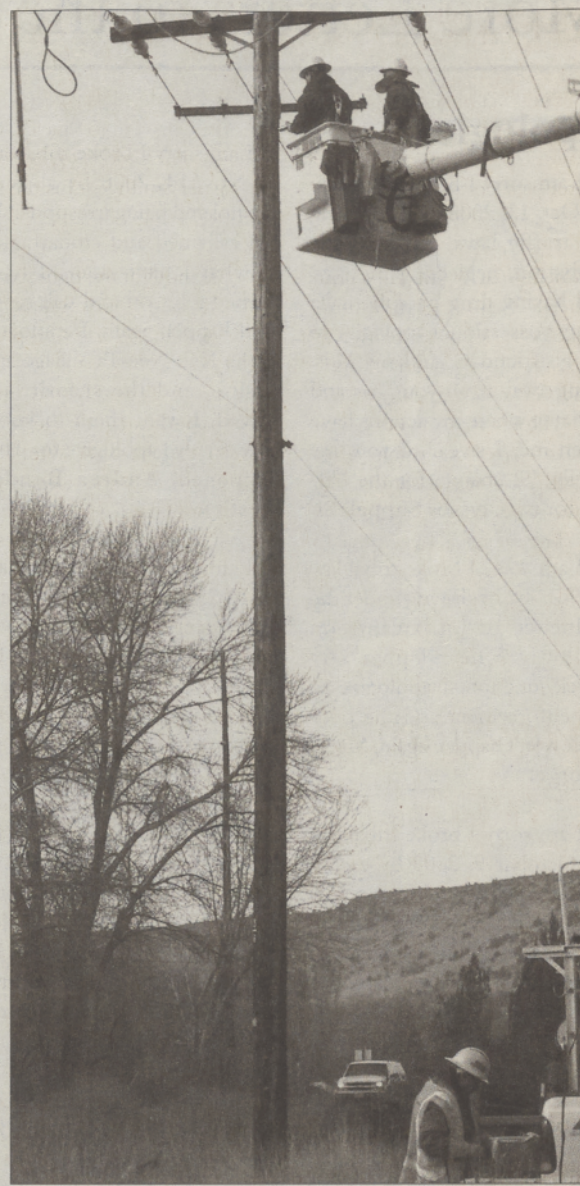
Students must register their artwork before sending it to Office of Indian Education. Artist students can register their entry online or call our toll-free number 1-866-259-0060.

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If you have any questions, contact Rayanne Ganuelas at rganuelas@kauffmaninc.com or 1-866-259-0060.

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Prince's Automotive in Madras has received the designation as an Oregon Eco-Biz.

Prince's is one of only three auto shops east of the Cascades to receive the recognition.

The Eco-Biz program is a national certification for businesses in the automotive and landscaping industries that use pollution prevention procedures to meet or exceed compliance with industry standards.

"We've been a 'green' company for the past 30 years," said Dennis

Prince, co-owner with his brother Jim of the automotive repair facility.

"To get the certification, we did not have to change how we did things. It was more of a matter of having Eco-Biz visit the shop and see our processes," he said.

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