

# Thrift store visit brings musical experience

A great time to visit the Opportunity Foundation Thrift Store in Madras is on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning.

As you walk in the door, you will see a young man seated at a piano. He plays a great variety of music. These days he emphasizes the holiday classics, such as *The Little Drummer Boy*, *Here Comes Santa Claus*, and others.

The piano player is Jeremy Doney, who moved back to Central Oregon this past summer from the Oregon School for the Blind in Salem.

Jeremy is 21 now. He moved to Salem when he was 9 to attend the School for the Blind. He has been blind since birth.

At the school Jeremy began playing piano, learning melodies and songs by ear. Recognizing his talent, the school hired a professional piano teacher to work with him.

Jeremy graduated earlier this year, and moved to Madras with his father Orlando. Jeremy has been working at the Opportunity Foundation Thrift Store in Madras since midsummer.

He plays piano for the customers as they shop. He also does other jobs such as paper shredding, said Angela Blake,



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Piano player Jeremy Doney at the Opportunity Foundation Thrift Store in Madras.

program manager at the store.

The Opportunity Foundation Thrift Store in Madras employs 30 people with disabilities, said Blake. Altogether, the Opportunity Foundation of Central Or-

gon employs more than 120 people with disabilities. Besides Madras, the non-profit foundation operates stores in Redmond and Bend.

The Opportunity Foundation

Thrift Store in Madras is located on South Highway 97 at the Fairgrounds Road intersection. To get in the parking lot, go down Fairgrounds Road.

The store accepts donations of items from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The store is open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call them at 475-6961 for details.

### CD, Youth Award

Jeremy produced a CD of piano music while he was at school. The CD, called *In the Garden*, can be purchased for \$15 at the thrift store. The CD is also available at the Voc Rehab office in Warm Springs, or you can purchase one from Jeremy by calling 325-6410.

This week Jeremy traveled to Jensen Beach to receive the 2009 Governor's Minority Youth Award. A commissioner of the Oregon Commission for the Blind nominated him for the award.

Jeremy made the trip to Jensen Beach with his father Orlando and mother Lenora Starr, grandmother Ramona Starr, and older sister Sara Doney.

— by Dave McMechan

# Columbia photos featured at library

Historic and rare photographs of the Columbia River Gorge will be featured on Friday, Nov. 20 at the Jefferson County Library in Madras.

One of the authors of *Wild Beauty, Photographs of the Columbia River Gorge 1867-1957* will be on hand for the presentation.

The book's co-author, John Laresn, will be at the library at 6:30 p.m.

Come meet the author.

Books will be available for signing.

There will be a slide presentation of rare photographs of the Columbia River Gorge.

Many of the photographs have never before been available for public viewing.

See the Columbia River Gorge over a century of dramatic change.

The event is free.

Call the library for more information, 475-3351.

# Notice of Impact Aid hearing

A public meeting of the School Board for Jefferson County School District 509-J to discuss the Impact Aid application for Fiscal Year 2011 – and other matters relating to Impact Aid – will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 23 in the library at Warm Springs Elementary School.

The district annually affords its patrons, specifically Native American

parents and guardians, the opportunity to offer comments and make recommendations relative to the application for and the use of Impact Aid funds.

Anybody wishing to attend the meeting who may require assistance because of a disability, contact Cindy Harris, 475-6192, to make specific arrangements to accommodate your participation in this meeting.

# Councilwoman recognized for health care work

Tribal Council Vice Chairwoman Aurolyn Stwyer-Pinkham has been selected co-recipient of the Indian Health Service's 2009 Area Director's Award for Excellence.

Each year, the IHS Award for Excellence committee assembles a group of nominations, and the area director reviews the candidates.

Stwyer-Pinkham was chosen from a substantial list of candidates, said Mike Smith, IHS representative.

Councilwoman Stwyer-Pinkham has worked at reform-



Aurolyn Stwyer-Pinkham

ing the IHS services on the reservation.

Beginning a few years ago,

there were significant disagreements between the tribes and IHS about health care on the reservation.

The two sides reached a new agreement earlier this year, creating the Joint Health Commission.

The commission will meet four times a year. Its purpose is to "plan, coordinate, monitor and evaluate the delivery of health care services provided by the tribe and by the IHS on the reservation."

Through oversight of the commission, "Our people can

know that this is a safe place to heal," Stwyer-Pinkham said upon signing of the agreement this summer.

The IHS 2009 Area Director's Award for Excellence presentation is Friday, Nov. 20 in Portland.

# Cultural Crafts celebrate Heritage Month

In celebration of National Native American Heritage Month, the Culture and Heritage Department is pleased to present Cultural Craft Creations.

The event will be from 1 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25

in the basement of the Education Building.

This event is geared toward the youth in the community, but all are invited to create their own dream catchers, rock painting, chokers, and loom work.

Instruction and materials are

provided at no cost to the participants.

This event is sponsored by the Education Branch, and your Johnson O'Malley Committee. For details about this event, call 553-3290.

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