

NCAI meeting in Portland

For the first time in 36 years, the National Congress of American Indians is meeting in Portland for the annual NCAI convention and cultural celebration.

The conference began on Sunday, and runs through Friday Nov. 4. NCAI is the nation's oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization.

This year marks the Sixty-Eighth Annual meeting of the NCAI. The organization this year is launching a number of initiatives, including its 2012 Native Vote initiative, and American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month focused on Native youth.

The Convention includes preparations for the 2011 White House Tribal Nations Conference with President Obama scheduled for Dec. 2, in Washington, D.C.

At the Portland conference, the NCAI marketplace features

close to 200 arts, jewelry, clothing, business and educational vendors. The marketplace is open to the public this Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 2 and 3, from 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Speakers at this year's conference include:

Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior;

U.S. Congressmen Earl Blumenauer and Jay Inslee;

David Hayes, Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior

Jefferson Keel, President, National Congress of American Indians

Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Director, Indian Health Service;

Fawn Sharp, President, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians;

Kimberly Teehee, Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs, the White House;

Mark Trahan, author and

speaker; An international delegation including:

Jody Broun, co-chair, National Congress of Australia's First Peoples;

Chief Bill Erasmus, Regional Chief of the Northwest Territories, Assembly of First Nations; Myrna Cunningham Kain, Member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues;

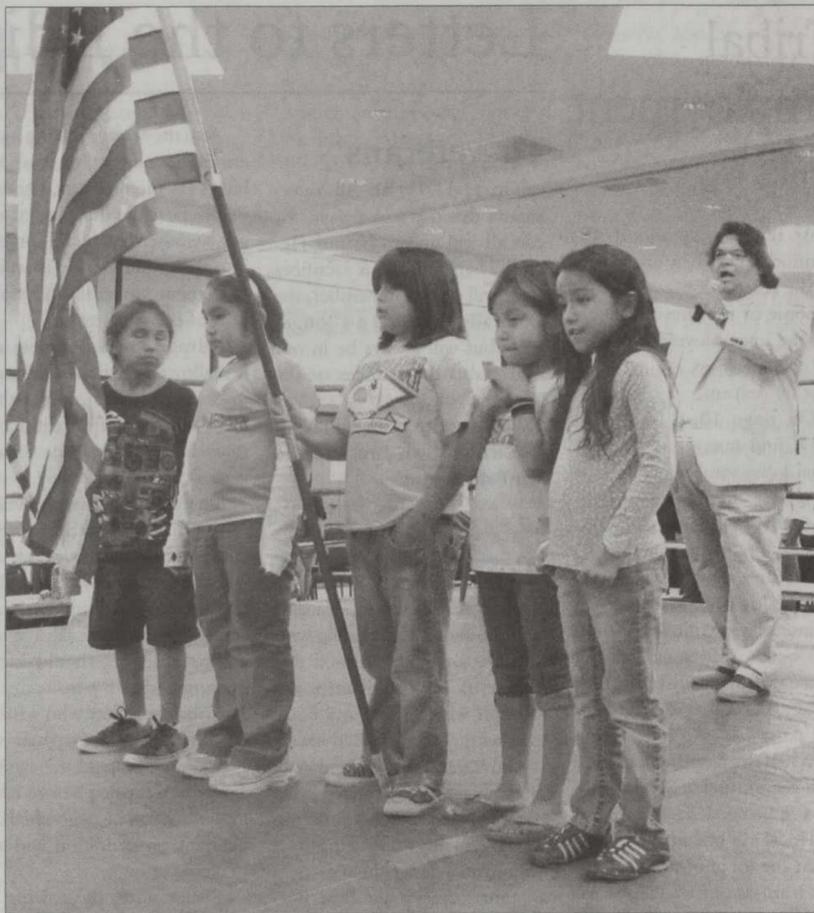
Mark Solomon, Co-Chair, Iwi Chairs Forum (New Zealand).

On Sunday, there was a canoe landing at Portland Waterfront Park, with a procession to the Oregon Convention Center.

Opening session was on Monday, with the focus on the Native Vote Launch and 2012 Election, and the International Indigenous Leader Panel.

On Tuesday was the General Assembly. On the agenda, Vision for Indian Country: Preparing for 2012 and Beyond. (More coverage of the NCAI conference in the next Splyay.)

At Kah-Nee-Ta



Yvonne Iverson/Splyay

Warm Springs youth present the Colors during the singing of the National Anthem at the start of Saturday's Battle on the Rez. (See page 6 for results.)

INDIAN HEAD CASINO INFORMATIONAL OPEN HOUSE

NEW CASINO EMPLOYMENT

**This Wednesday, Nov. 2
1-5 p.m. at the Agency
Longhouse**

Come learn about upcoming job opportunities – Timelines – What does process look like – Gaming license process.

Holiday baskets

The Warm Springs Community Counseling Center Prevention Program is seeking donations of gift baskets for the Warm Springs Family Fun Event, to take place this year on Dec. 1.

Please contact Michael Martinez. michael.martinez@wstribes.org. Or call 541-553-0467.

Advertise in the Splyay Tymoo

If you are interested in advertising in the Splyay Tymoo, call Yvonne at 541-325-1089.

Or email yvonne.iverson@wstribes.org



Legal Aid Services of Oregon provides free assistance to low-income Oregonians in many civil cases. Speak with an attorney during drop-in hours 1 to 4 p.m. on the first

Monday of the month at the Warm Springs Community Action Team building, 1136 Paiute Ave, Warm Springs. Or call 385-6944 Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. (at lunch from noon-1 p.m.)

509-J Schools in Action!

www.jcsd.k12.or.us

Sharing Warm Springs Culture

Madras High School has been partnering with the Culture and Heritage Department of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to learn and pass on Numu, the Northern Paiute language. The project began this summer with seven of our high school students who worked with language program developer, **Evan Gardner**, and tribal elders to learn the language and the skills to teach it to other students. The students are now teaching to their peers as part of the high school's Culture of Warm Springs class taught by **Becky Dudney**.

According to Dudney, the classroom is transformed into a Language Learning Lab every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and it's getting a lot of attention from students. Paiute Language teachers **Shirley Tufti** and **Gerald Danzuka** attend each session to ensure that the Numu language is being taught and spoken accurately. Many curious students stop by to check out the activities and find themselves getting sucked into playing a language game. Other students say they have taught



their friends and family members some Numu language skills.

"This group of seven MHS youth went on a journey of self-discovery and language learning. In the end, they all became teachers of community development, leadership and language" Becky Dudney, MHS teacher. "The most exciting thing about it all is to see young people building a community while linking to their cultural heritage. They are having fun while they learn so many skills, both academic and social, all at the same time. They want to be in class!" said Dudney.



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Inventerprise Contest K-12

Many of our students have been working hard to prepare for the Inventerprise Contest sponsored by Bend Research, Inc. The academic competition focuses on writing and problem solving. This year's theme is turning your fears into devices or processes that protect people. Using their imaginations, students may come up with new ways to make things such as tornados, spiders, climate change, or traffic less scary. Participating students work collaboratively with teachers. Cash prizes are awarded to contest winners.

For more information, contact Courtney Lupton at (541) 475-7253.

Families Go to School Too!

JCSD has launched a Family University program for parents and family members interested in learning or practicing Spanish, English or computer skills. There is also a class for those who want to learn skills to prepare them for the GED exam. The classes are offered in the evenings at Westside School. Child care and student tutoring is available for children of the class participants.

For more information, contact: Susan Chamberlain at 475-6192.

Spanish Conversation for Parents

Mondays, October 3 to November 14
5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
Instructor: Dave Engel, COCC

English Conversation for Parents

Mondays, October 17 to December 12
6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
Instructors: JCSD Teachers

GED Preparation

Mondays, October 17 to December 12
6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
Instructor: Jennifer Hatfield

Introduction to Computers

Wednesdays, October 5 to December 14
5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
Instructor: Ramiro Rico

Calendar

- 11/7 2-Hour Late Start
- 11/14 School Board Meeting at Westside School Building

MHS Parent Conferences

- 11/15 4:30-8:00 p.m. at Warm Springs Community Center
- 11/16 4:30-7:30 p.m. in MHS Commons - Arena Style
- 11/17 4:30-7:30 p.m. in MHS classrooms