

## Holiday shopping at market

The Madras Flea Market, with several independent vendors, is a great place for Christmas shopping.

The flea market in December is going to have a special holiday bazaar, "The Last Minute Christmas Shopping Bazaar."

This will be on Dec. 16, 17 and 18. Vendors can get a 10-by-10 booth with table for \$45 for the whole weekend.

Santa Claus will be at the market on Dec. 9, 10 and 11. On those days there will also be free gift-wrapping with purchase.

Drawings are every Sunday at 4:30 with many prizes. Sundays also feature a 10-



Market manager Melissa Melting Tallow.

percent discount for seniors. The market is located at 180 N.W. B Street in Madras. The location is B and Third streets, just past the Best Western Motel on the right hand side of the road.

If you're looking for a unique Christmas gift, stop by the market. Also, more vendors are welcome, said Melissa Melting Tallow, market manager.

For information, call Morning Tallow at 541-604-4106. Her email is:

letsnegotiate@rocketmail.com  
The Madras Flea Market hours of operation are Friday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Grant helps Big Brothers Big Sisters

### Funds to expand mentoring programs for local youth

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Oregon has received \$130,000 to strengthen its Tribal Community Initiative.

The initiative is a culturally based mentoring program developed to help Native American children achieve in school and promote life-long success.

The funds are part of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's \$13.3 million investment this year in Big Brothers Big Sisters' mentoring programs to prevent juvenile delinquency.

This \$130,000 award is part

a \$2 million dollar allocation of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) total grant to Big Brothers Big Sisters for the Tribal Community Initiative.

The grant will fund the pairings of a minimum of 600 American Indian/Alaska Native youths with positive adult mentors on 10 reservations/peoples across the country.

Native American staff, with the help of advisors and elders, will carefully match youth with mentors and provide ongoing match support to the adult volunteers, mentees and children's families in an effort to decrease gang activity, reduce alcohol and drug abuse, improve academic performance and par-

ent/guardian relationships, and foster a renewed sense of tribal identification for participating youth.

"Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Oregon is committed to serving the Native American population of Warm Springs," said Mark Wilke, program director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Oregon.

"This funding will allow us to match 60 Native American mentees with mentors from their own tribal communities and provide our specialized mentoring services to even more children who need us. We are so pleased that our dedication and contribution in this area has been recognized."

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