

## Night for Tree Lighting



After the Lights Parade last week, families gathered at the community center for the Tree Lighting.

Yvonne Iverson/Spilyay

## Big Brother Big Sister announces annual awards

During the Harvest Potluck held in November, the Big Brother and Big Sister of the Year were announced.

Big Brother of the Year was Brett Whipple. Big Sister of the Year was Melanie Carroll.

Brett was matched with Justin in April 2010, said Nancy

Diaz, Jefferson County program coordinator. Brett visited Justin at school in Warm Springs for lunch, watched him play sports, took him to a Blazers game in Portland, participated in Bowl for Kids Sake and took him on his first horse ride.

Deanie, Justin's mother,

shared that when she asks Justin about Brett, Justin will smile big and say "He's nice."

She, along with Justin's grandmother, sister and some cousins, attended the Harvest Potluck, where Brett and Justin were named Big Brother/Little Brother of the Year.

Melanie and Elizabeth (Liz) have been matched since April of 2010. They go shopping together, eat out, bake and talk and attend. Elizabeth's mother Betty said that she is thankful for Melanie and the time she spends with Liz. She knows that Liz enjoys her time also.

## B&G Club open during break

The Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club will be open Christmas break.

Our club hours will be 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. We will have arts, crafts, games, video games, snack making, and movie days.

We will also be doing joint activities with the Community Wellness Center and the Community Health Program.

Below is a list of the days that we will be closed and/or closing early.

**Early Closures:**  
Friday, Dec. 23 and Friday, Dec. 30 at 3:30 p.m.

**Closed:** Monday, Dec. 26 for the Holiday.

If you would like more information about our program you can contact us at 541-553-2323 and we will be happy to assist you.

**June Smith**, club manager.

## Home energy assistance

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is taking applications for energy assistance.

What to bring with your application:

Verification of income (check stub, general assistance, SSI, SSDI, DSHS, SNAP), award letter stating what type of income. Social Security number on the application, and the energy bill.

All members of household over 18 are required to sign two forms.

The Warm Springs program was awarded less money than last year, "but we will do our best to ensure as many households receive assistance," said Gayleen Adams, of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

"We will also provide firewood to those households that prefer to use their fireplace or wood stove.

If you have questions please call the office during business hours, 541-553-3491, and speak with Mona, Sonia or Gayleen.

## Dress drive for Cinderella Ball

A Dress Drive is being held to provide new or gently used formal gowns to deserving young ladies in Warm Springs for the Cinderella Ball in January.

They also welcome donations

of shoes, evening bags and jewelry. They prefer that items be in very good condition and of modern style. If you have a donation or would like to help in any way contact Carol Sahme at 541-553-3243.

## JCMS music recitals this week

Jefferson County Middle School Music Lesson Recitals are this Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 14-15.

Middle school students in after school music lessons will perform for family and friends.

Come hear drum, bass, guitar, and voice students at 7:30 p.m. this Wednesday, Dec. 14 at the Rodriguez Annex, and enjoy a violin and piano recital at 7:30 p.m. this Thursday, Dec. 15 in the JCMS Commons.

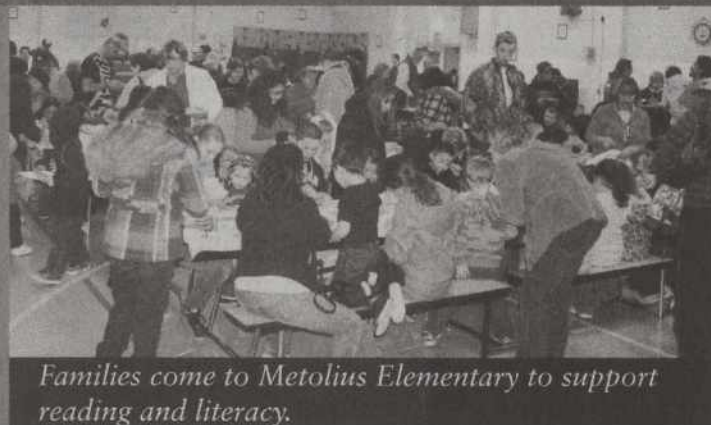
## Community Yard Sale

There will be a community yard sale from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m., this

Friday, Dec. 16. The yard sale will be at the Agency Longhouse.

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Families come to Metolius Elementary to support reading and literacy.



Buff Elementary winning inventors (clockwise from top left) Madison Pattenau, Fiona White, Kacey Baggett, Miriam Vazquez, Yoana Valerio, Lisa Dubisar and Gavin Schmidt.

### JCSD Inventors Shine

JCSD is proud to announce that 181 of our students participated in the 2011 Bend Research Inventerprise Science Contest. Seven of our great inventors received recognition for their entries and one student, Kingston Steele from Madras High School (class of 2012), received a first place award and cash prize.

"We were excited to see so many of our students taking part in the contest," said Melinda Boyle, Director of Curriculum and Instruction. "We are proud when they stretch themselves to participate in these extra activities."

More than 1000 Central Oregon students submitted original inventions for original products or processes that protect people from something scary.

### Madras Primary Celebrates Positive Behavior

Madras Primary is proud to highlight their Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program to celebrate students who demonstrate safe, respectful and responsible character traits. The program includes a monthly spirit day and an assembly where awards are presented to individual students and entire classes.

"The goal of the program is to focus on positive behavior and reward students for doing the right thing," said Principal Kathy Bishop. "One of the best parts is seeing and hearing the kids at the assembly cheer for each other. PBIS has created a positive culture that the students are excited about. Their faces light up on spirit assembly days."



### Family Craft Night & Book Fair

This month, Metolius Elementary School hosted their annual Family Craft Night and Book Fair. More than 300 parents and family members came out to support literacy and reading.

"We are proud of the strong sense of family and community that we share together," said Principal Craig Morgan.

### Connections to College and Career Fair

Madras High School students recently participated in a college and career fair to learn about college and career opportunities. Presenters included:

- Gina Ricketts  
Central Oregon Community College
- Brenda McDonald  
Eastern Oregon University
- Lisa Dubisar  
Fish and Wildlife
- Officer Dan Farrester  
Careers in Law Enforcement
- Steven Leriche  
District Attorney

Students also learned how to access tribal scholarship money from Ramona Tanewasha of The Confederated Tribe of Warm Springs.

### MHS Parent Center

A new Parent Center is open at Madras High School to encourage parent involvement on campus. Stop by and learn about resources available to families and enjoy the warm and friendly atmosphere.

"We know for a fact that parent involvement in their children's education makes students more successful at school," said Rick Molitor, superintendent. "Being involved as parents promotes academic and social success for our kids."

Parent Center is open every school day:  
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Check out our Book Swap and Clothes Closet. Bring books you have already read and swap them for something new. The Clothes Closet is where families can donate and receive gently worn clothing.

Come on down, grab a coffee, and check out the Parent Center in Room #1 of Madras High School!

### Upcoming Parent Center Event:

December 14 Workshop  
10:10:30 a.m. and 4-4:30 p.m.  
"What Does My Child Need to Do to Graduate?"

### Calendar

Winter break starts December 19  
School resumes Tuesday, January 3

### Other calendar dates:

- 12/12 School Board meets at Metolius Elem. Library 5:00 p.m. workshop; 6:00 p.m. regular session
- 12/13 JCMS Wnnter Concert 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 12/15 Winter Craft Night at Warm Springs Elem. Gym 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.