

## Salmon lessons at hatchery

The tribal Natural Resources Branch worked with the Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery to host an event for two fifth-grade classes from Warm Springs Elementary.

Approximately 50 students attended the classes, called "Salmon, Streams, and Science."

Five stations were set up at the hatchery. Groups rotated through the stations, which included:

A tour of the hatchery, where the students saw adult spring chinook salmon; and "salmon sense," a game on salmon homing.

One station was on Pacific lamprey, or eels, where the students were able to handle adult and juvenile lamprey. There was a dissection station, and a habitat station allowing students to build "good" habitat for fish.

At the Gauntlet station, the students ran through an obstacle course illustrating the hardships salmon face throughout their life cycle.

They also participated in a salmon art project which will be on display at the elementary school.

Lisa Dubisar, fisheries biologist with Natural Resources Branch, coordinated the event for the students. This was the second field trip of the



Lisa Dubisar Photography.

Student visit at the W.S. National Fish Hatchery (group shot below).

project.

The first field trip was to Shitike Creek, where the students formed a hypothesis, or scientific question, and conducted field sampling to answer it.

"The goal of this project was to get the kids outside the classroom while incorporating learning at the same time," Dubisar said.

"I think we achieved it. I've received overwhelming positive feedback about this project, and I'd like to see 'Salmon, Streams, and Science' become an annual event," she said.

The project could not have been possible without the help of Branch of Natu-

ral Resources staff:

Joel Santos, Lyndsay Brewer and Blayne Eineichner of the Parkdale Office. Thanks also to the USFWS staff: Albert Santos, Joe Badoni, Mary Bayer, Susan Gutenberger, Dave Thompson, Donna Allard, Larry Telles, and Kim Hubbard; Madras High School teacher and students: Guy Chittenden (Instructor), Lisa Ike-Lopez, Jazmine Ike-Lopez, Laura Garcia, Mayra Renteria, Zeph Phillips and Thijmen Samayoa.



## Job Creation offers training opportunities

Warm Springs Job Creation and Development has several training opportunities available for employees.

Next week they will have a Leadership Skills class called "Coaching Your Team

through Change" on Wednesday, June 5, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Credit building. And, a beginning Excel 2010 class will begin on June 4 from 9 a.m. to noon at the COCC Madras Campus.

Transportation is provided. Call 553-3324 to register for classes or to find out about other upcoming training.

From Around Indian Country

## Spokane vice-chair resigns under pressure

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The vice chairman of the Spokane Tribe has resigned under pressure from tribal members.

Rodney W. Abrahamson resigned last week.

Abrahamson had been convicted of five misdemeanors after he illegally killed two bison north of Yellowstone National Park in February.

Montana wildlife agents say he lied about his identity and claimed to be a member of the Nez Perce Tribe, which has treaty rights to hunt bison.

The Spokane Tribe's con-

stitution says council members cannot remain in office if convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty. Abrahamson was convicted of obstruction as a result of providing a false

identity. After he refused to resign, some tribal members launched a recall effort.

A special election will be held in June to select his replacement.

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## New Track Record



Courtesy of Lori Mitchell.

Joe Hisatake, Victor Bonilla, Miklo Hernandez and Rodney Mitchell (from left) represented Madras High School at the State Track Meet at Hayward Field in Eugene last Saturday. Their time was 45.47 seconds, breaking the school record set in 2007.

## W.S. students kicking off Gift of Literacy

Warm Springs Elementary School first-graders will gather this Friday morning, May 31, at the Madras campus of Central Oregon Community College to celebrate reading.

As they step off the bus, the students will be greeted by Clifford the Big Red Dog and other infamous children's book characters, who will help them kick off the second annual Gift of Literacy Program.

This year, special guest author Nina Laden, sculptor and two-time Oscar-nominated special effects make-up artist, will be on hand.

She will read to the students from the book *The Night I Followed the Dog*, the

students' first choice in hard bound books this year.

The program was initiated by the school district and is sponsored by the Jefferson County Rotary Club with support from Warm Springs Power and Water, the Bean Foundation, Bright Wood, CHS Inc., Central Oregon Community College, Columbia State Bank, Identity Zone, Les Schwab Tires, Madras Education Association, OSU Jefferson Open Campus, Pacific Residential Mortgage, PayneWest Insurance, Rocky Ridge Excavation, and other community donors.

The event is part of the school district's ongoing Read to Succeed literacy awareness program, and is designed to

encourage a love of reading in children and increase the literacy rates of students in the Jefferson County community.

"Throughout the school year, we have been reading aloud to our first grade students from a collection of six books," said Melinda Boyle, director of curriculum and instruction for JCSD. "We have asked each student to tell us their favorite book from the collection. Thanks to our sponsors, we will be presenting them with a new hard-bound copy of the book they loved most from the collection. They will also take home a book bag, t-shirt and other educational goodies."

## COCC offers nursing orientation June 6

Central Oregon Community College is offering a nursing program orientation session from 9 to 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 6, in Room 305, Building 3, on the COCC Redmond Campus.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the selection procedure for students interested in applying to COCC's Associate of Applied Science in Nursing program, as well

as the prerequisites for applying and support courses necessary for the AAS degree. It is not necessary to attend this orientation, and reservations are not needed.

However, admission into COCC's Nursing program requires in-district residency. Contact the Admissions and Records Office at 541-383-7500 for details about resi-

dency.

For information, call 541-318-3741.

In advance of college events, persons needing accommodation or transportation because of a physical or mobility disability, contact Joe Viola: 541-383-7775. For accommodation because of other disability such as hearing impairment, contact Anne Walker: 541-383-7743.

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