

# Student going to History finals Many attend elders' workshop

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Across the country more than 700,000 students participate in the competitions leading up to the National History Day competition.

Students start preparing in November for the finals competition, coming up in mid June.

That is when Thyreicia "Reicie" Simtustus will be heading to Washington D.C.

Reicie is a Madras High School student from Warm Springs. In June she will present her history exhibit at the University of Maryland.

The theme for this year's National History Day is *Rights and Responsibility in History*. Reicie's topic focuses on the American Indian Movement from the years 1968-1978.

She was one of the only Native American contestants to enter the state level competition. She presented her exhibit in a series of contests, and made her way to the state competition in Portland—where she took first place in the Senior Individual Exhibit Category.

I had the opportunity to interview Reicie. Here are some questions and answers from our talk:

*When heard the theme for National History Day, what topics started to come to mind?*

**Reicie:** As a group we discussed what topics would fit, and the discussion included the United States civil rights



Reicie Simtustus

movement during the 1960's and 70's.

*Out of all the categories to choose from why did you choose AIM, from 1968-78 specifically?*

**Reicie:** I chose the exhibit category because I wanted to show the many images that documented the era. I knew very little about this period in history when I started. Upon completion of my project I felt proud to be Native American. I learned that the struggles the founding people of the American Indian Movement went through were not as radical as the media made them out to be. They just wanted all Natives to have the same rights that the government had responsibilities for.

Reicie says that what inspired her was listening to the stories her Kuthla, Marcia Simtustus, told when she used to live in the Washington D.C.

area in the early 70's.

*Was this the first time you had to present this kind of project? Did you think you'd make it this far in the competition?*

**Reicie:** This wasn't the first project I had to present. Last year I presented in Oregon History Day.

Oregon History Day was more local, or anything in Oregon. It was pretty competitive. National History day is more on a national level. I thought I wasn't going to be first or second in the National History Day Competition.

*What was one of the lessons you have taken from working on your exhibit?*

**Reicie:** That you shouldn't hesitate to the very last minute to get every detail down. To know the back story behind the picture, and what it's saying.

From our local community Reicie will be jetting off to the East Coast to present her exhibit in the National History Day competition on June 14-20 competition.

Thyreicia is seeking donations while holding fund-raisers throughout the community. For more information regarding donations, contact: Joie Simtustus at 541-460-0021 or Courtney Lupton at the Madras High School National History Day Program, 390 SE 10th Street, Madras Oregon.

Elders hosted a grief and loss workshop for the community May 17-18 at the Shaker Church.

The workshop was well attended, and the food was excellent. "We were blessed with the presence of young and old, with flute music by James Greeley, plus his dad, a veteran and artist, Hamilton Greeley," said Aurolyn Stwyer.

Also among the many participants were Tuk'ushman and his wife Heidi, who traveled from a ceremony in Washington.

The elders did all of the fundraising for the workshop. The participants made angel cards, flower arrangements, painted rocks, and shuptaki (miniature suitcases) for their letters to loved ones in heaven. The day ended with releasing the balloons, and banana splits.

"We are truly blessed to have the love, devotion and



Courtesy photo.

commitment by these elder sisters, Hilda Culpus, Char Herkshan and Neda Wesley," Aurolyn said.

Hilda (seated), Char Herkshan and Neda Wesley.

## Federal prosecutions increasing

There will be an increase in prosecutions in U.S. District Court of cases originating on the Warm Springs Reservation.

This announcement comes following consultations by Warm Springs Chief of Police Dennis White III with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Portland.

The increase in federal prosecutions is part of an effort to curb possession, sale and use of illegal drugs on the reservation, and to

slow the increase in violent crime.

Federal prosecutors have started and will continue to increase prosecutions for possession and sale of even small amounts of Schedule 2 narcotics, which includes methamphetamine, cocaine, prescription narcotics, and heroin.

Habitual domestic violence, a more recent federal crime, occurs when a person with two prior domestic violence convictions in any court is charged with domes-

tic violence for a third time.

Federal prosecutors have and will continue to prosecute felony attempting to elude a police officer. Some individuals from Warm Springs have already been charged, prosecuted and convicted of these crimes in U.S. District Court.

Convictions for the above crimes usually result in prison time followed by a term of federal supervised release.

## Letters

### Thank you

The Boys & Girls Club would like to recognize the sponsors of our "Great Futures Starts Here" event that was held on Saturday, April 26:

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The events for the day included an 18-hole golf

scramble, dinner, silent and live auction. Our goal was to raise at least \$20,000.00 for club operations and I'm happy to say that we exceeded that!

I'd like to personally thank all the sponsors, volunteers, individual donors, golf teams (Joe the pro for his expertise), Gary Grunner (for the hole-in-one truck), Kah-Nee-Ta (for their hospitality), all event attendees, the local businesses in Madras, local enterprises and all entrepreneurs that donated items for the auction.

Thank you all for your continued support and making our event a successful one.

Sincerely,

**June A. Smith**, club manager.

### Be a Finisher

Salena Sahme is holding a Fathers Day Raffle, with proceeds to help her enter the Portland Marathon. She would need a hand cycle to finish the race. Salena and family have been raising funds at the Warm Springs Market, where the raffle drawing will be held on June 10 (need not be present to win).

To purchase a ticket you can reach her 541-325-1838 or 541-615-0847. Tickets are \$5 each; three for \$10; or five for \$20.

## Drop off unwanted prescriptions

A medicine return drug collection unit has been placed in the lobby of the Warm Springs Police Department. The purpose of this is to provide a place where unwanted prescriptions can be deposited for disposal.

Safe disposal will keep the unwanted prescription drugs away from children and the

water supply. Accepted drugs are:

Medications, vitamins, prescription patches, prescription ointments, over the counter medications, sample medications and pet medications.

Not accepted: hydrogen peroxide, inhalers, thermometers, blood aerosol cans,

ointments (liquid or lotions) and medications from businesses and clinics. Sharps or needles are not accepted.

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