



Jana's Kids — Native American Pop Star and Lumbee Tribal member Jana entertained about 100 community members on Thursday, March 23 in the Tribal gym. Jana also put on a performance at the wellness day on Friday and spoke to the students about following their dreams and maintaining sobriety. Jana also took time after her show on Thursday to sign autographs for all in attendance.

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Annual Native Youth Wellness Day in Grand Ronde.

Tiny and Donny Decory and a second and more personal session from Thomas.

Before the students broke-out for lunch, Jana put on a performance in the gymnasium. Jana is a contemporary artist from North Carolina and is making herself known in not only Indian Country but the music world as well. She has already won three Nammy awards for Best Pop Performer, Song of the Year and Female Artist of the Year and has climbed her way to the Top 20 Bill-

board Music charts with her hit Ooh, Baby, Baby.

As part of her Jana's Kids organization, Jana also spoke with the youth on achieving the successes of their dreams.

"I go around to talk about motivating and empowering the youth," said Jana. "I like to spread my message and visiting Grand Ronde has been a great experience."

After lunch, the students prepared themselves for a three-on-three basketball tournament held in the

Tribal gym. The tournament lasted four hours and the local Bulldog team when on to claim first prize. Willamina High School senior Colten Anderson along with Tribal members Eric Sabin and Sharona Jackson made up the winning Bulldog team.

After a pizza dinner from Figaro's, it was time to wrap things up. A dance, featuring D.J. Reckless, was scheduled for Friday evening but was cancelled due to plumbing problems in the gym. ■



Steve Llanes



Back from the Dead — Arnold Thomas gets down to the students' level and places emphasis on the importance of life. Thomas is a Shoshone-Paiute Tribal member.