

Native Writers Essay Contest seeking submissions

The 2014 Young Native Writers Essay Contest is designed to encourage young Native American writers to explore their heritage and is open to Native American high school students from all Native communities.

For 2014, students are being asked to write about one or more of the cultural images, symbols or art forms that have been historically developed by their community to communicate a particular message or value, or serve a specific purpose.

Essays should be 1,200 words maximum and should cover the following:

- Describe the image(s), symbol(s) or art forms selected;
- Explain how it was originally developed or used by the community;
- Reflect on the student's own experience about it, including thoughts and feelings;
- And suggest why or how it is still relevant today.

Contest winners will receive a \$2,500 college scholarship and a paid trip to Washington, D.C., for a week of activities in July. Deadline for submissions is April 22.

Interested students should visit the Holland & Knight Young Native Writers Essay Contest website at www.nativewriters.hklaw.com for contest rules and to view previous winning essays. All essays must be submitted electronically by the entry deadline through the website. ■

OR 130 bridge work starts April 1

PACIFIC CITY — Work began April 1 on painting three heavily rusted bridges over the Nestucca River on OR 130 (Little Nestucca Highway), between state Highway 22 and U.S. 101. Construction is expected to take approximately two months per bridge.

The \$1.5 million project will require complete closure of the bridges, one at a time, beginning with the western-most span at milepost 5.11. Local travelers and residents may access their properties along OR 130, up to either side of the affected bridge.

Signs will be placed to indicate which bridge is closed and advance notification and detour signs will be provided to help motorists plan for added travel time and alternative routes.

The protective paint on the bridges, which were built in the early 1950s, is oxidizing and cracking, and portions of the steel trusses lack paint altogether. The repainting will keep the structures from deteriorating to the point of needing to replace them. The bridges have not been painted since the 1970s.

To get an update on current road conditions throughout Oregon, visit www.tripcheck.com on the Internet. ■

St. Michael's offers weekly brunch

St. Michael's Catholic Church offers an open house brunch every Sunday following Mass. The brunch is free to the community.

Brunch begins at about 11:30 a.m. following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Mass attendance is not required for brunch attendance. For more information, contact Janelle Justen at 503-550-0923. ■



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