

Next Chautauqua program on Tribal Trade, April 13

“Tribal Trade: Networks and Legends” is the topic of the next Chautauqua program on Tuesday, April 13, at 4:00 p.m. at the Vernonia Public Library.

For thousands of years, Native Americans from diverse tribes relied on an active trade network that centered at Celilo Falls in Oregon. They traveled from as far away as Klamath, Burns, Eastern Idaho, North-eastern Washington, and Northern California to trade, share news, intermarry and gamble.

Ed Edmo will trace the history of these important economic and social networks. Artifacts such as a Hudson Bay blanket, dantalium shells, trade beads, pelts and arrowheads will enliven the retelling of old legends that often crossed tribal boundaries to form a shared culture.

Edmo learned the art of storytelling from his father at Celilo Falls, where traditions were handed down from generation to generation through telling stories.

He is an internationally acclaimed poet, performer, traditional storyteller and lecturer on northwest tribal culture. A Native American with Shoshone-Bannock tribal affiliation, he serves as a consultant to the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian in Washing-

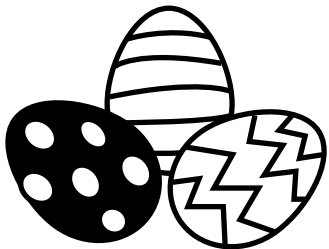
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Edmo also works with the Oregon Folk-life Program at the Oregon Historical Society. His poem “Indian Education Blues” was featured on Tri-Met’s Poetry in Motion program and is etched in granite at the Valley Library at Oregon State University.

For the last thirteen years, Edmo has narrated the production of “Children of the Raven” for the Eugene Ballet Company. He toured with that group to India, Syria and Jordan. He has been a playwright since 1984 and adapted the Klickitat legend “Bridge of the Gods” for Tears of Joy Puppet Theatre.

“Storytelling is a non-threatening way of teaching,” Edmo says. “People need to learn how to laugh when they learn.”

This program is presented in conjunction with the Friends of the Library and made possible by funding from the Oregon Council for the Humanities. Refreshments will follow the presentation.



Ed Edmo, above, will be at the Vernonia Library to present the next in the popular Chautauqua programs on April 13.

Col. Co. Easter Egg hunt Apr. 10

The free mEGGa Easter Egg Hunt for children up to age 12 will take place Saturday, April 10, at the Columbia County Fairgrounds.

Gates open at 10:30 a.m., the hunt begins at 11:00 a.m., gates close at 1:00 p.m. There

will be 20,000 filled Easter Eggs, many fun events, and pictures with the Easter Bunny.

For more information, or to volunteer to help, call Columbia County Fairgrounds at 503-397-4231 or Burgerville at 503-397-5885.

Apply to WOEC for scholarships

High school students who live in households served by West Oregon Electric Cooperative are eligible to participate in two exciting scholarship opportunities – the Sam Hearing Scholarship Fund and the Youth Energy Seminar.

Graduating seniors who plan to further their education at any college, university, community college or trade school may apply for one of four \$500 Sam Hearing Scholarships. The funds may be used for tuition or books.

Applicants will need to complete a brief application form that will give a personal profile. Applications will be reviewed by a scholarship committee of co-op members.

High school sophomores and juniors are eligible to apply for one of two scholarships to attend the Youth Energy Seminar. The “energy camp” will be held July 24-31, and will hone their leadership skills and challenge their knowledge of energy industry issues.

Application forms for both scholarships are available from high school counselors or the WOEC office. Applications must be received by West Oregon by April 16. Winners will be announced by May 7.

West Oregon Electric serves more than 4,100 electric customers in portions of Columbia, Clatsop, Yamhill and Washington Counties. Headquartered in Vernonia, the cooperative has provided electric service since 1944.

Read out loud at poetry event

Is there a poem you still remember years later? A poem you associate with a particular occasion?

In recognition of National Poetry Month, Hands On Art and the Academy of American Poets are sponsoring “Read Your Favorite Poem,” a celebration of all kinds of poetry, for all ages.

Bring your favorite poem and join your friends and neighbors, children and grandchildren at the Vernonia Public Library on Saturday, April 17, at 2:30 p.m. for a relaxing “after taxes” breather. There will be an appropriate door-prize.

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