



QUILT RAFFLE

Joy Cimmiyotti was a custodian at the Frenchglen School until she moved into Burns. Joy was very kind in donating a king size quilt to the Foundation for a long term raffle item. The quilt is of beautiful colors with a rich red as the predominate color. We are very grateful for her donation and everyone is hoping they are the one to win. The tickets are available on the Frenchglen Education Foundation website and at the bake sales in Burns this season. The tickets are \$2 each and 3 for \$5. Good Luck!

DONATE

If you would like to donate to FEF or participate in one of our fundraisers, you can contact us at the address and number below, or go to our website and make your purchases or donations there.

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"NIGHT ON THE TOWN" FUNDRAISER

Frenchglen Education Foundation hosted a spring fundraising in March of 2008 involving all rural schools in Harney County interested in participating. The "Night on the Town Fundraiser" was a huge success, generating over \$2,300 of which over \$1,200 was earned by rural schools other than Frenchglen. Entertainer Marty Campbell joined the fun with great music and cowboy stories. The event included a great meal prepared by Smokin' Pit Barbecue and a silent and live auction. A big thank you goes to all who attended this fun evening and supported the hubs of our rural communities with attendance and generous donations. Special thanks goes to Frances Estep and Smokin' Pit Barbecue, Marty Campbell, Rich and Fran Davis, Congressman Walden, KZZR, Burns Times Herald, the Crane High School Students and Wrestling Coach who helped throughout the evening, all those who donated items for the silent and live auctions, and to those who so generously donated their time toward a successful event. We look forward to the 2009 "Night on the Town" fundraiser and the involvement of even more of our rural schools.



FOUNDATION NEWS

FRENCHGLEN EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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FEF SILENT & LIVE AUCTION AT SKYLINE TRAILRIDERS EVENT

Following its conception, the Frenchglen Education Foundation held a silent and live auction event to kick off the necessary fundraising drive in order to fund several key educational programs for the 2007-2008 school year. The event was held during the Skyline Trailriders annual gathering in August of 2007. The Skyline Trailriders are a group of horsemen from all over the State of Oregon and beyond. They get together every August for comradery, to support the group, and to ride new places on their favorite steeds. In August of 2007, their event was held at Wildhorse Ranch on the south end of Harney County. The Frenchglen Education Foundation put together a silent and live auction event with the generous help of our local community including Brian O'Keefe, Rock Creek Ranch, Rod & Cindy Hoaglund, and Wildhorse Ranch. Through this event the Foundation was able to raise \$15,000 to help fund programs at the Frenchglen School and an additional \$2,500 for the Fields School on the south end of the County.

This was an exciting event for the Foundation because it provided full funding for the school's music program for the 2007-2008 school year. The Foundation was also able to aid in funding technology and civic responsibility programs as well. This event was truly the beginning of something great and a big thank you goes to everyone who participated both as donators and as purchasers. We thank you for your support.

FOUNDATION OPEN HOUSE

The Frenchglen Education Foundation held an "Open House" for the community February 28, 2008, at the Frenchglen Hotel. The purpose of the open house was to provide information, answer any questions regarding the Foundation, and to receive input, ideas or suggestions that might align with the goals and mission of the Foundation.

Those attending were given a hand out with information on the Foundation, as well as fundraising that had taken place as of that date. There was also discussion of upcoming projects and activities. The community members present were encouraged to communicate ideas, suggestions, etc. to anyone involved with the Education Foundation. The evening was very enjoyable and several positive comments were made regarding the work and purpose of the Foundation.

KAWASAKI MULE RAFFLE

In July of 2007, Burns Ford and Eastern Oregon Power Sports enabled the Foundation to purchase a Kawasaki Mule 3010 Trans 4 X 4 with trailer at a reduced rate. The Foundation sold raffle tickets at the Skyline Trail Riders auction, The Frenchglen Jamboree, The Harney County Fair, numerous bake sales and over the internet through the Foundation's website. Of the 750 tickets available we sold 689 tickets.

The drawing for the mule was held at Burns Ford in early January. Ted Marshall of Burns Ford held the honor of drawing the winning ticket. The winner was Fred MacDonald of Burns, OR. Fred couldn't believe he won. The Foundation earned over \$9000 on the raffle of the mule. WOW!



Bake Sales

As fall blew in, the Foundation members were onto a baking spree. We hauled along the mule and the raffle tickets too. Members and friends baked for the Harvest Festival and Chili Cook-Off, the Burns Senior Center Christmas Bazaar and the Homespun Christmas Bazaar. There were tables filled with beautifully packaged cakes, pies, breads cookies and other goodies. Between our ten bakers and the three fairs we earned over \$1400. We were also able to sell some raffle tickets and DVD's.

The Frenchglen School's music program is thriving and the students are flourishing! Frenchglen students do not have access to private lessons in music, theatre, or the arts outside of school. The Frenchglen School Board has made a conscious effort to provide these opportunities in the school itself with a full music program, a Christmas play involving all students, and an artist-in-residence program.

The music program includes general music that all students must participate in. As well, the students have an opportunity to learn one instrument as part of this program. Students may take a second instrument as well provided the parents pay a small fee per lesson. Music is integrated into many different events at the school with fall, winter, and spring concerts as well as a recital at the Christmas play event. There is terrific community support for this program with many community members joining the audience at each presentation. Additionally there is a County wide rural school music event at Crane High School where all the rural schools gather and perform the first Thursday in May.

The Frenchglen Education Foundation is very excited about a grant award from the Snowman Foundation providing funding for new instruments and instruction for the year. The Snowman Foundation was the vision of Northwest composer and pianist Michael Allen Harris. The Foundation was formed in 1999 to promote the musical arts in the Pacific Northwest. The school's music program received \$11,800.00 through this grant. As part of this funding the Foundation was able to purchase the following instruments for the school: Yamaha Recorder Set, Yamaha Bass Recorder, Yamaha Advantage Flute, Yamaha Advantage Clarinet, Yamaha Advantage Alto Sax, Yamaha Advantage Trumpet, Yamaha Advantage Trombone and a Yamaha Advantage Drum Set. These instruments will provide students with tools necessary to engage in the study of these music instruments. The Snowman Foundation offers generous support of rural music programs.

Frenchglen's music teacher, Marianne Andrews gives so much of herself to the program. She drives one hundred twenty miles round trip one day each week just to come teach the Frenchglen students. Mrs. Andrews is a licensed music teacher in the state of Oregon and certified to instruct grades K-8. She works to bring many different aspects of music to our students. Whether it's music from different countries, playing the xylophone or recorder, or incorporating dancing and singing, Mrs. Andrews keeps it intriguing for the students.

The music program continues to grow and expand, and in turn, expanding our students education and enriching their lives. For more information on the, go to <http://www.snowmanfoundation.org> or <http://www.frenchgleneducationfoundation.org> for more information on the Frenchglen Education Foundation.



FIELD STUDY SUPPORT

In October of 2007, the Frenchglen School held a field study to Mount St. Helen's funded in large part by a grant administered by Dr. Cummings of Portland State University and their rural school outreach program. The Foundation participated in the Mount St. Helen's Field Study by providing funds for the students to calculate and pay the tip to the servers at our various eating stops. Additional funding for the field study came from a grant at the Frenchglen School.

October of 2007 and 2008 also brought the Frenchglen School students to Ontario for the Treasure Valley Symphony in order to expose our student population to symphonic music and other cultural enrichment opportunities. The Foundation provided sponsorship for this event.

2008-2010 will bring several other field study opportunities for which the Foundation plans to provide funding. These include trips for grades 4th & 5th to study their government with a trip to the State Capital, natural history study of eastern Oregon for the 1st through 3rd grade, and a week long venture to Washington DC for grades 6th through 8th.



For over 9 years there has been a yearly Artist-in-Residence at Frenchglen School. Due to the budget constrictions this year the Foundation picked up the cost for Linda Peterson of LaGrande, a water-color artist, to spend a week at Frenchglen. The students worked with line, rubber stamping, and Chinese bamboo painting. Everyone had a great time!



COLTON & CORBIN PAINTING-4TH & 6TH GRADES

FRENCHGLEN JAMBOREE CONCESSIONS

In both 2007 and 2008, the Foundation provided and ran the concession stand at the Frenchglen Jamboree. Between the two years the foundation brought in over \$900. The mule was at the 2007 Jamboree and the quilt was at the 2008 Jamboree. It is great to be a part of the jamboree and working in our own community.

FRENCHGLEN: NOW AND THEN DVD'S

In the Spring of 2007 Frenchglen School students, grades 4-8, were charged with a class project to produce a video, with the topic being Frenchglen, to apply technological skills and using the Social Science concepts. The students selected the areas they would like to have represented, did the research, including interviews to produce the final product and the video portions were entirely student filmed. The Frenchglen School Board granted the Education Foundation the right to produce the video for sale. The Foundation has sold over 100 videos through generous merchants willing to carry them and online on the Foundation's website.



WHO SAID SCIENCE ISN'T AMAZING?

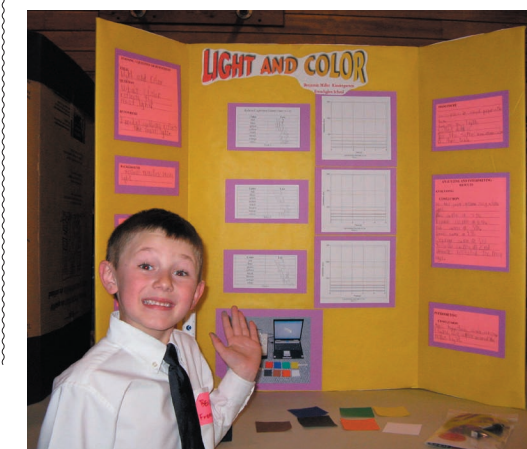
"Amazing", "Incredible", "Mind-Blowing" and of course "Cool" are just a few of the words heard from students describing the first Harney County Rural Elementary School Science Competition and Science Discovery Day! By all standards the day was a huge success! It was held March 20, 2008, and we had an outstanding turnout. Fifty students from four rural schools entered the competition. Many others came to participate in the inquiry sessions and enjoy the day.

There were three categories to enter projects into: Life Science, Physical Science and Earth Science. All participants impressed us with their projects ideas, displays and presentations. They put a lot of time and hard work into their projects. The students showed our judges how creative and inquisitive they are. Our judges were science professionals from Bend Research who donated their time. We appreciate their expertise!

While the presentations were going on, we also had inquiry sessions for the kids to enjoy. They were fascinated by animals, mesmerized with electricity and captivated by dinosaurs. Our volunteers went above and beyond our expectations with each session. What an incredible way to get the kids excited about science!

We had an amazing selection of donated prizes, ranging from overall prizes of laptops to telescopes, compasses, metal detectors, binoculars and so much more. Each competition participant went home with a free t-shirt and hopefully, more curiosity and interest in the splendid world of science.

Our first Science Inquiry and Competition Day was more than we could have hoped for. It ran truly in the spirit of what our foundation is based on: "maintaining and improving the quality of education in our rural setting". It is events like this one that help our kids open their minds to all the possibilities available to them. Many thanks to all those that donated their time and resources to make this day happen. It would not have been the success it was without each one of you. We look forward to the next one!



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