

Beads, bone earrings to be sold at powwow

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ones that were done long ago and are done to a slow beat of the drum," she said, "while the fancy dance, sometimes called a shawl dance, is fast and upbeat."

Fremont said besides honoring the winners of the competition, honors will also be given to invited guests Joe Hollowe, a tribal whipland; Eugene Papan, a head singer of the Omaha tribe; and January Bird, the 13-year-old Powwow princess who is of both the Omaha and Winnebago tribes.

Indian meals prepared by members of the Lincoln Indian Club will be made in a traditional way and served free to participants and observers, she said.

The powwow is in its fifth year and is important in maintaining Indian culture and tradition, Fremont said.

"This is our culture and we have to keep it alive," she said.

"The powwow will also keep the kids off the streets and teach them to respect other people."

"This is mainly for the youth," she said, "but it is also a social gathering and a chance for everyone to get together and feel good about themselves."

Lincoln Indian youths who have organized a gift shop company which is in operation at the Indian Center through a Junior Achievement program will also have a booth at the powwow, said Nora Peragine, JA program coordinator.

They will display and try to sell some of the gift shop's works, which include bone and wood carvings, beadwork and intricate mirror work, she said.

Indian gifts available

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A Junior Achievement gift shop venture at the Lincoln Indian Center will benefit from an annual powwow sponsored by the Lincoln Indian Club this weekend.

Gift shop employees will man a booth at the powwow, just west of the center at 1100 Military Road, Friday through Sunday.

The gift shop, which sells arts and crafts of high school students and other artists, is the second junior achievement project in Nebraska for American Indians.

The gift shop is being staffed by one high school student and Urban Indian Achievement members this month with plans to continue operations and add student staffers,

said Nora Peragine, program coordinator.

The objects for sale include American Indian-made bone and wood carvings, beadwork and intricate mirror work.

This venture is made possible through UIA, which is a Native American Entrepreneurial Project funded by a \$55,366 federal grant from the Administration for Native Americans and more than \$20,000 in contributions from the Lincoln Indian Center, Inc.

The gift shop project is the second junior achievement venture in Nebraska for American Indian high school students. A project last year involved sales of packages of notecards adorned with artwork by three local American Indian artists.

The first project resulted in

payments of \$1.36 to each of the 58 shareholders, along with the original \$1 per share they invested.

Student participants in the project get more than just financial profits from sales out of participating because they receive "real and invaluable experience," Peragine said.

Fawn Mitchell, a 19-year-old Lincoln High School student who was president of last year's company, agreed with Peragine.

"As with any business, we encountered problems and faced some difficult decisions — all of which gave us insights and practical knowledge about business and economic systems," she wrote.

The gift shop project will give students the same experience, Peragine said.

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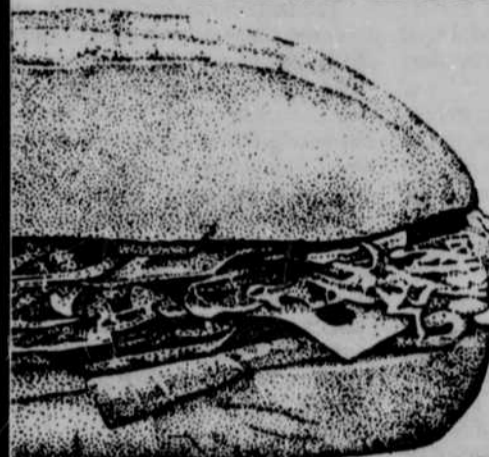


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