

December 2008

# the Coyote HOWLER



## COLLEGE PRESENTED PRODUCTION OF "PICNIC"

The Cerro Coso Theatre Department presented Pulitzer Prize winning play, *Picnic* by William Inge on December 5 and December 6 and again on December 7 in the College Lecture Center.

*Picnic* takes place in a small Kansas town on Labor Day weekend in the joint backyards of Flo Owens and Helen Potts. Living with Flo are her two daughters, the beautiful Madge and the smart Millie; while Helen lives only with her invalid mother. Into this mix a handsome stranger is thrown, who upsets the familiarity of the women's lives and life in this small Kansas town will never be the same.

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The Cerro Coso Community College Theatre Department presented *Picnic* on Friday, December 5, Saturday, December 6, and again on Sunday, December 8 in the College Lecture Center. Pictured from left to right are: Becki Cornett, Chad Terry, Robin Moen, David Haefele, Heather Cornett, and Brittany Coble.



## HYPNOTIST RICHARD AIMES APPEARED AT CERRO COSO



The Cerro Coso Community College Associated Students presented Hypnotist, Richard Aimes to the Cerro Coso Lecture Center stage on Thursday, December 4, 2008. Aimes is a board certified hypnotist with the National Board of Hypnotist Education and Certification (NBHEC) and studied psychology and theater as an undergraduate. As a student of hypnosis, he trained in Los Angeles and Florida with some of the top hypnotists in the country. Aimes is a trained stage and commercial actor, appearing on all three US networks, numerous dinner theater productions, NHK Japanese television, and has also been seen on local and national commercials. Marielle, his wife and stage partner is also a board certified hypnotist with NBHEC. They have performed at colleges and universities, large and small, throughout the United States.

## STUDENT OF THE SEMESTER



The President of Cerro Coso Community College, Dr. Mary Retterer congratulating John Linn, from the Kern River Valley Campus, as the recipient of the Alumni Association's Fall 2008 "Student of the Semester" award.

The Cerro Coso Community College Alumni Association has been recognizing the outstanding achievements of Cerro Coso students each semester since 1988 by soliciting nominations from the faculty at all campus sites. The Alumni Association proudly announces the recipient of the Fall 2008 "Student of the Semester" award is John Linn from the Kern River Valley Campus in Lake Isabella. Linn was honored at an Alumni Association awards luncheon on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at Texas Cattle Company in Ridgecrest. He was nominated for this award by Cerro Coso Community College counselor, Gayle Whitlock and the Director of the Kern River Valley Campus, Pam Godfrey. On their nomination form, they stated, "John started Cerro Coso in the Summer of 2006 with one computer literacy class. After that, he was hooked on education and his record proves it. He has continuously earned a 4.0 each semester and has made the President's List three times. John is a good role model for other students on campus and in the classroom and has volunteered to tutor many of his peers, helping others to reach their own goals. After his tutoring abilities were discovered, he was hired as a Cerro Coso tutor where he continues to help others succeed. During his time at the College, John has served as a student representative for the Kern River Valley Student Club and is active in their events. He has also worked at the elementary school as a volunteer in the special needs classroom. We have watched his confidence grow as he successfully completes each semester."

Overall GPA, class participation, extracurricular activities, and community involvement are all considered in the selection process for this award. Linn is currently enrolled in 9.0 units, has completed 46.0 units, and carries and overall 4.0 GPA. He has listed his major as General Education and plans on graduating in the Spring of 2009 and is working towards a degree in counseling.

"The Alumni Association is very proud to bestow this award on John Linn and acknowledge his many achievements by selecting him as the Fall 2008 "Student of the Semester," stated Director of Information, Development, and Alumni Relations, Joann Clark. Linn was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation, an alumni pin, a \$200 cash award, a special Cerro Coso remembrance gift, his name added to a perpetual plaque honoring all recipients of this distinguished award, and his photo will be displayed on "Student of the Semester" bulletin board at the IWV Campus.

## CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED

The newly installed officers of the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation Board of Directors for 2008-09 are (L to R) Solomon Rajaratnam, Foundation President; Jennifer Kuhlman, Treasurer; and Al Alvarado, President-Elect. The Cerro Coso Community College Foundation is a non-profit corporation, founded in 1977 to establish a better understanding of the mission of Cerro Coso Community College in its relationship to the communities it serves. The fundraising arm of the College, the Foundation assists with projects which will foster the growth and development of the College and the students.



## CERRO COSO COLLEGE CHOIR PRESENTED HANDEL'S "THE MESSIAH"

The Cerro Coso Community College choral program presented their Holiday Concert featuring the Christmas portion of G. F. Handel's monumental oratorio "The Messiah" Tuesday, December 9. The concert was presented in the College Lecture Center under the direction of Daniel Peterson with accompaniment by Catherine Douglas.

## CERRO COSO CONCERT BAND PRESENTED FALL CONCERT

The Concert Band at Cerro Coso Community College presented its Fall 2008 Concert on Thursday, November 20 in the College Lecture Center under the direction of Daniel Peterson.

Musical selections included Anderson's "Fiddle Faddle," Curnow's "Heritage of Freedom," Verdi's "Triumphal March," Aida Sousa's "Liberty Bell," "Star Trek Through the Years," Camphouse's "Yosemite Autumn," and "Steely Dan in Concert" to name just a few.

## CERRO COSO HOSTED MEN OF WORTH CONCERT

Men of Worth featuring Donnie MacDonald and James Keigher once again delighted an Indian Wells Valley audience when they appeared in concert at Cerro Coso Community College on Friday, November 14, 2008 in the College Lecture Center, courtesy of the Associated Students of Cerro Coso. The concert featured the very best in Celtic music—songs that come from past generations as well as stories from present day observations. Donnie MacDonald, a Scotsman, and Jimmy Keigher, an Irishman, combine music with humor in a very special union that leaves an audience laughing and cheering for more.

On stage, they performed with an octave mandolin, accordion, bodhrans, guitar, banjo and mandolin while singing their songs in both English and Gaelic. Their vocals are rich with harmony and strong in unison. Together Men of Worth have a



simple approach to their presentation, and in keeping with tradition, remain true to the music and story.

They have been recording and performing since 1986 and have gained popularity from audiences all over America, Canada, Scotland and Ireland.



## COLLEGE HOLDS FOOD DRIVE AND MOVIE NIGHT

Cerro Coso Community College and the Theatre Arts Club held a food drive and donated items were given to the Salvation Army to be distributed to families in need this holiday season. The Theatre Arts Club held their first Classic Movie Night, showing the classic movie, "It's A Wonderful Life" on Saturday, November 15, 2008 in the College Lecture Center. This classic movie will bring warmth to your hearts and begin the joyful holiday season. The price of admission for this event was simply to bring a donation of a non-perishable food item.

## December 9 Luncheon Progress on Four-Year University

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Take a break from the holiday goodies and savor some food for thought at our December luncheon when two members of the High Desert University Foundation will present information on efforts to establish a four-year university in our area.

Presenters will be Dr. Mary Retterer, president of Cerro Coso Community College, and George Passantino, managing partner of Passantino Andersen Communications, LLC, a company specializing in strategic communication. Passantino also serves as the University Foundation's interim executive director.

After an announcement in 2006 that California intended to open one or two new campuses in the state university system, a group of community leaders in the aerospace corridor of Kern, San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties began meeting to draft a plan they hoped would induce the state to select a site in our area for one of the two new universities.

Last spring the High Desert University Foundation was established, and Mary Retterer became the representative for the Ridgecrest area. The foundation is a non-profit organization with the primary objective of establishing a polytechnic university in the high-desert region.

"In the next 25 years, our region's population is expected to grow to over two million people,"

said a foundation spokesperson. "This rapid growth requires that we in the high desert unify and focus our efforts to secure a high-caliber university, which would in turn strengthen our local economy, bring high-paying jobs to the region and protect our aerospace and defense industries."

A question-and-answer session will follow the presentation. The luncheon is Tuesday, Dec. 9, at noon at Victoria's at the Heritage- \$12 per person. Reservations are a must. Call the Chamber office, 375-8331, or e-mail us at [chamber@ridgenet.net](mailto:chamber@ridgenet.net) by 3 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 8.



Dr. Mary Retterer



George Passantino

