



# BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH DANCE

## *The Corning Country Cardettes Impact*

The City of Corning's Recreation and Enrichment Programming has been thriving, not only as a result of funding provided by the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indian Tribe and its leadership but also due to a combination of strong partnerships and the commitment of community members who unselfishly give of their time and talents. One such group is the Corning Country Cardettes, Corning Union High School District's drill team, who are not only making their mark with their impressive performances but also teach a group of young children a combination of skills to perform choreographed routines at events and find time to teach a diversity of classes that promote health

and well-being, build community connections, and encourages skill building.

For the past three years, the Corning Country Cardettes have been teaching foundational drill team skills to kindergarten to grade 8 students, instilling values of discipline, teamwork, and respect. Their passion for using their skills to positively impact the lives of younger children has led them to lead a variety of other recreational and enrichment classes, including hip-hop, ballet folklorico, little kids tumbling, gymnastics, and ballet.

The dedicated Corning Country Cardettes team is making a powerful difference in strengthening

the community by sharing their talents and contributing to the growth of others. Through their consistent engagement, positive role modeling, and a passion for service that benefits others, they inspire unity and contribute to the creation of a stronger community for everyone.

*“The Cardettes have shown us that when we are willing to share our talents, we can make a difference,”* says Christina Meeds, Recreation Coordinator. *“Their influence extends far beyond the space where they teach; they are shaping confidence and resilience in young children and making the community more vibrant and appealing.”*



With the help of the Cardettes and other community members, the City of Corning Recreation Program is creating spaces where children and families can come together and strengthen social ties, making the community a place where families enjoy living. This is especially meaningful, considering that the people within the community are the contributors to the town’s well-being.

Our rural community is rich in what matters most: the people who care deeply and act selflessly –every effort and every skill makes a meaningful difference.

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