

Scholarship helps with college

Warm Springs resident Gabriel Walker has received a Fred W. Fields Scholarship through the Oregon Community Foundation.

Walker, who works at the Warm Springs Telecom, is also taking classes at Central Oregon Community College.

He was one of two students at the COCC Madras Campus to receive the scholarship, along with student Deyini Crist.

The two students share the \$5,000 award, administered through the COCC Foundation.

Walker returned to college to finish his degree in Small Business/Entrepreneurship. His goal is to start his own tribal consulting firm specializing in customer service



Gabe Walker

training and economic development.

Deyini Crist is a single mother of three children and domestic abuse survivor. She is working toward a career in

human services, and has been working as a school bus driver for the last seven years.

About the scholarship

In 1947 Fred Fields, an engineer, started working for Coe Manufacturing Company, a company that designed and constructed machinery that milled veneer, plywood and other products. Fields later transferred to Oregon and became the West Coast manager. Fields purchased Coe in 1976 and headed the company for 24 years until he sold it. At his death in 2011, he made a \$150-million donation to the Oregon Community Foundation, to be used to support education and the arts.

Prevention: question for residences

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Earlier this year, Kalama recommended that the tribes adopt an ordinance requiring people, when they smoke, to be at least 25 feet away from an entrance or window of a tribal building. Tribal Council adopted the resolution in November, and Kalama ordered the signage that states the new requirement.

Kalalam will place the signs, purchased through a grant, around the entrances of tribal buildings.

Kalama does face some resistance to his work as to-

bacco prevention coordinator. But he is a member of the Warm Springs community, which makes things easier. A person coming from outside, trying to enforce smoking regulations on the reservation, would no doubt face much more resistance.

Kalama will be taking on another smoking-related issue in 2014. Many of the residences on the reservation are tribally owned and managed. This raises the question of smoking in these residences.

The first question will be whether to impose a restric-

tion on smoking in all tribal buildings, including the residences. How this would be enforced will be another question. Meanwhile, Kalama will be visiting the tribal departments with the new signage.



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