

# Services, guest at Veterans Summit

Linda Woods explains the origin of the Fallen Warrior Eagle Staff:

*In February of 2008 an eagle fell from the sky during an ice blizzard near Cheboygan, Michigan.*

*Three weeks passed before three men went out to search for this "fallen warrior," as we refer to an eagle or an eagle feather that has fallen. They found the eagle in the frozen ice of Black River. A combat veteran performed a sacred ceremony on the ice before they brought the eagle out of the ice.*

*They used a chain saw to cut around the eagle, removing a five-foot block of ice. The eagle was beautifully preserved.*

*A friend of mine had the eagle head, but he knew he needed to pass the eagle on to a veteran... After prayer and consulting others, he decided he would offer it to me.*

*In 2011 this spiritual gift, this beautiful eagle head was presented to me in a sacred ceremony, as the men shared the story of this eagle.*



Dave McMechan photos/Spilyay

At the Veterans Summit last week: Caroline Cruz, general manager of Health and Human Services; special guest Linda Woods; and the clinic's Mitchell DeVaney with the Eagle Staff.

Linda was a special guest this year at the Warm Springs Veterans Summit, where she showed the Eagle Staff.

Ms. Woods is a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa Chippewa Indians. She comes from the Ottawa Indian village in Leelanau, Michigan.

Following her military experience, Ms. Woods became a sub-

stance abuse counselor, having earned a Masters of Social Work in 1994 from San Jose University in California. She was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.

Though she retired in 2008, with over 30 years of experience in social work, Ms. Woods continues to serve the Native American community.



The mobile veterans service clinic (above) was available outside the Community Center.



Organizations on hand at the summit were the Commissioned Corps Officers of the U.S. Public Health Service - Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center; the Veterans Administration - Portland Medical Center; the VA Portland regional office; the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs; the Native Procurement Technical Assistance Center; the Oregon Veteran Home of Lebanon/The Dalles. Plus VETS employment and training services; the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; the Bend Vet Center; and the Department of Labor, among others.

## Howlak Tichum

Mitchell Waldo Boileau, June 19, 1944 ~ October 14, 2016

Mitchell "Mickey" Waldo Boileau was born to Waldo Jennings and Geneva (Newell) Boileau on June 19, 1944, in Thomas, Oklahoma, the youngest of five siblings.

He passed away October 14, 2016, in his home in Warm Springs, Oregon, after struggling with complications of heart failure, stroke and diabetes.

He attended school in Madras, graduating from Madras High School in 1964. Shortly thereafter, he married the love of his life, Arlene (Brunoe) Ross, on June 26, 1964.

Together, they raised five children: Herbert, Urbana, Relda and Mary Ross; and Susie Boileau. They lived most of their lives in Warm Springs. He worked for Warm Springs Forest Products Industries for 38 years. He worked in various positions and retired after serving as shipping foreman.

Mickey enjoyed riding his motorcycle; many times he and Arlene rode together. He



also was an avid bow hunter, valuing time spent in nature and in the company of family and friends. He loved fishing and especially loved sharing these days with others.

He spent several of his adult years bowling and was a member of the Madras Bowling League. Most importantly, he loved his family and dedicated his life to raising and supporting them.

In 2000, with failing health, he retired from WSFPI. He continued to support his family as much as able, assisting his wife with OSU Extension activities, including the

annual Culture Camp held every summer.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings Diane "Charlotte" Hawthorne, Gloria Kay Ries, Crystal Keo and Samuel Boileau; son Herbert Ross; and grandson Joel Martinez.

Mickey is survived by his wife Arlene Boileau; daughters and sons-in-law Urbana Ross and Howie Arnett, Mary Ross and Roy Wiseman, and Susie Antekeier, all of Warm Springs; Relda and Les Peratrovich of Ellensburg, Wash; seven grandchildren, seven great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews, and other extended family in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Oklahoma and Texas.

We will miss him so. Our grief is not for him, but for ourselves and moments we will no longer share with him. He rests in the arms of God, returned to wholeness—no more sorrow, no more illness, and no more pain.

The Nancy R. Chandler Visiting Scholar Program of the COCC Foundation and COCC's Multicultural Activities office and Native American program present

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