

Grant lifts COCC Native program

A new grant will help the Central Oregon Community College program promoting Native American students.

The \$175,000 award comes from the Meyer Memorial Trust endowment for Equitable Education.

The grant will be used to build on COCC-high school partnerships and summer symposiums, part of the COCC Office of Multicultural Activities.

The COCC college preparation programs seek to raise high school graduation numbers by reaching out to students, and mentoring and inspiring them to stay on the education path.

The Equitable Education grant program will begin in January 2018. Funding will benefit some 130 students per year.

The COCC Native American college preparation program is called The Good Road. COCC works with students at Madras High School and the alternative education programs in Warm Springs and Madras. The grant creates a new half-time coordinator position.

There will also be two multi-day summer symposiums, called Strive, where high school students stay at the Bend campus and get a feel for college life.

In the long-term, measuring high school and college graduation rates is key to assessing the program.



The Culture and Heritage Department and the Wasqu Dance Group shared a salmon and turkey meal and dance exchange, along with tribal members who attend the Wisbram School.

This was the seventeenth annual exchange, in collaboration with Wilbur and Suzie Slockish family, and Warm Springs and Yakama

tribal members.

The students and community are very appreciative and look forward to this special day every year.

Merle Kirk



Photos courtesy of Merle Kirk/Culture & Heritage

Meet the newest Warm Springs OSU Extension team member

Hello, My name is John Brunoe and I have been hired by the Warm Springs Oregon State University Extension Office.

My position is that of 4-H Youth Outreach program educator, Family Community Health, and Warm Springs County leader.

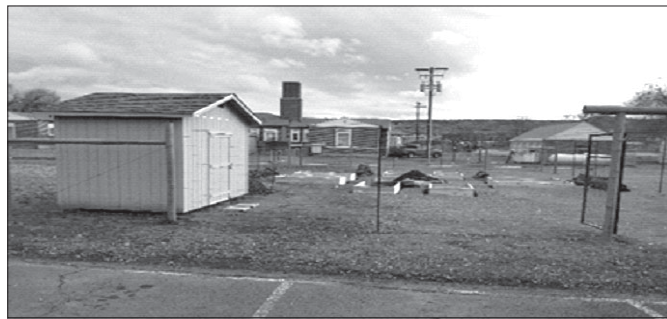
I am an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and a descendant of the Wasco, Turtle Mountain Chippewa, Klamath-Modoc and Molalla tribes. I grew up in the community of Warm Springs, moved away to work and attend school, returning in 2008.

My educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Human Studies from Marylhurst University, and a Master's of Science Degree in Leadership for Sustainability Education



Courtesy John Brunoe

The new Warm Springs Extension Youth Garden.



from Portland State University. I am grateful and honored to be working within the community of Warm Springs and look forward to co-learning with community members.

Demonstration, Youth gardens

The recent renovation of the existing OSU Demonstration Garden and the creation of the new Youth Garden will provide two outside

learning environments— Learning Gardens—for the youth and community members.

The purpose of these endeavors is to create youth and community gardens and 4-H Sustainability/Learning Garden activities to promote health, nutrition, physical activity, citizenship, mindfulness, and positive youth development.

The intention and vision of the Learning Gardens is to create and foster positive engaging learning relationships in regards to youth, elders, family, community and life by establishing a sense of place and connection to our environment and Mother Earth.

Recent community and youth activities have included the 4-H pumpkin event, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Beyond School Garden Classes, and 4-H Archery.

A thank you

Thank you to all community members that participated in the October 4-H pumpkin event in the new Youth Garden.

Community members were invited to pick a pumpkin and fill out a survey, and they had chance to Spin the Wheel for Halloween safety prizes.

Your suggestions are greatly appreciated and will help guide the creation of positive youth and community activities in the days to come.

If you have any 4-H questions or suggestions, I can be reached at the Warm Springs OSU Extension Office located at 1110 Wasco Street in the Old Boys Dorm, or by phone at 541-553-3238, or email: john.brunoe@oregonstate.edu

Warm Springs Academy students posting great grades

In their classes these Warm Springs Academy students have been making great grades:

Sixth grade honors (3.0-3.5 gpa)

Tommy Ball Jr., Kyote Boyd, Leona Eaglespeaker, Chiara Jensen, Angel Martinez, Kody Miller, Mia Crowe, Ivan Good Lance, Rocky Gonzalez Jr., Carmen Jimenez Orozco, Sally Medina, Camryn Shawaway, Ryanna Thomas, Dasan Begay, Kiutus Sapuay, Jess Stevens IV, Keith Charley III, and Alosha Wainanwit Sohappay.

Sixth grade high honors (3.5-3.9)

Carlacia Dixon, Terianna Heath, Joseph Miller, Ivory Ascencio, Yesenia Collins, Chavondria Thompson, Keira Tortalita, Latrell VanPelt Graybael, and Talise Wapsheli.

Sixth grade highest honors (4.0)

Angeles Antunez, Gunner Bailey Jr., Seneca Ball, Michael Charley, Rylan Davis, Sasha Esquiro, Jocelyn Greene, Mariah

Johnson, Aurelius Jones, Noelani Kalama, Kalyn Leonard, Lucius Medina Smith, RicoDave Perez Greene, Skytus Smith, Sirita Wallulatum VanPelt, and Charlene White.

Seventh grade honors

Macyquinn Johnson, Marcus Muldrow Jr., Taiyena Scott Pedraza, Taylor Arthur, Sebastian Bisland, Moneikah Jackson Palmer, Arelly Scott, Waurica Miller, Mikayla Jimboy, and Amare LeClaire Jones.

Seventh grade high honors

Krystah Jack Melvin, Aradonna Cochran, Ronald Kalama, Esmerelda Orozco, Elisella Torres, Gunner Herkshan Jr., Nikita Smith, Jasper Switzler Jr., Kevin Johnson, Yvonne Greene, and Isaiah Wapsheli.

Seventh grade highest honors

Inez Bradley, Cassandra Brown Heath, and Caroline Hintsatake.

Eighth grade honors

Hekili Harry, Ashlyn

Johnson, Pierre McCloud, Marilyn Tom, Jyden Beck, Jayson Main, Feather Miller, Aurora Stinson, Prosanna Katchia, Clarissa Iyakitan, Kalise Holliday, Nathaniel Jensen, and Louie Smith.

Eighth grade high hon-

ors Hailey Cochran, Shantelle Henry, Lilian Libokmeto, Mason Strong, Jessica Bruised Head, Levina Perez Greene, and Xariya Holliday.

Youth who would like to participate in the Christmas play *Peace Came in the Cradle* should attend practice this Thursday evening, December 7 from 5-6:30 in the Community Center Aerobics room.

Birth

Topsy Jo Holyan

Michael and Li-ana Holyan of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Topsy Jo Holyan, born on November 16, 2017.

Topsy joins sisters Brinley, 9, and Riley, 7.

Grandparents on the father's side are Lexy and JoAnn Terry of Crownpoint, New Mexico.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Lee and Cheryl Tom of Warm Springs.

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