

Letters to the editor

Dogs service

Dear Warm Springs community:

Bend Spay and Neuter has helped our community by helping our dog community. Since 2016 Bend Spay and Neuter (BSN) has spayed or neutered 256 dogs! BSN has also vaccinated over 350 dogs, for rabies. Take a look around, you will no longer see as many dogs as you used to: Neutering not only cuts down on the feral population, but makes the community safer for us, especially for dog on child attacks, and dog on dog attacks.

All this has been possible by an endowment left for this purpose by a woman whose husband was a doctor to the Warm Springs community in the late '60s and early '70s. The endowment is managed by Karnopp Petersen and Bend Spay+Neuter Project, so these healthy operations can be made possible at no cost to our community.

BSN plans on continuing making these operations possible for our community, free of course. The problem is, there is no place available for them. The first few were done at the Greeley Heights Community Center, but Housing has determined that was not usable. The next was the Fire Station but there was no room for the numerous animals on the reservation. Finally, through Dan Martinez, another building was offered. One of the old school buildings was made available for November, 2017. Twenty-four dogs were spayed or neutered, and 22 were vaccinated. All for the health of our dog community.

Now, the building is no longer available. If we want this free operation to continue here on the reservation, we must find a building. I ask the community to let me, or Dan, know if you have any suggestions. I also ask Housing and the COO if there is anything else available. Otherwise the community will miss out. Thank you, Mavis Shaw, 541-553-1295.

Holiday campaign

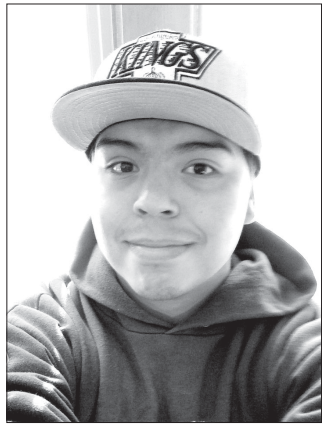
The Heart of Oregon Corps has launched their holiday campaign, asking donors for their support.

If you donate to our #GivingOpportunity, your money will go toward providing education and job

training opportunities for youth, while helping create pathways out of poverty.

This develops the local economy in Central Oregon, and prepares youth for success in life after high school. Your donation of \$25, \$100, or \$350 will give a young person a chance to prepare for the workforce.

By donating to our #GivingOpportunity, you will be supporting young people like:



Quinten Hoptowit, a 19-year-old YouthBuild student. Quinten says:

"Heart of Oregon Corps YouthBuild taught me the value of teamwork, which is a lot easier than doing things by yourself."

Quinten has overcome great obstacles at home and in his community by going back to school at YouthBuild, and working daily at the construction sites.

"I've enjoyed being around a positive community where I can get my education and work at the same time," he says.

Go to the website heartoforegon.org

Click the donate button on the website, or send a check made out to:

Heart of Oregon Corps
PO Box 279, Bend, OR, 97709

Our loved one

Words cannot express the gratitude I have for everyone who called or messaged, those who comforted our daughters and I with hugs and prayers these past several months, and those who traveled to be with us when our loved one, Kirby Tye Pete passed.

Thank you to my brother Thomas Morning Owl and nephew Damian Totus for answering the call to come sit with my lil family and sing for our loved one as he took his last breath with us on this earth; for taking care of his body when he passed and for conducting the beautiful funeral service.

Although Kirby was Navajo, he made the Umatilla Reservation his home for the last 30 years, and took

my belief in the Washat, Wasklikt and Medicine Dance faith as his own. In our many days and nights of sitting alone together at our home, as well as in the hospital, Kirby made it very clear to me that he wanted his services to be of these three faiths only, and we honored his request.

Thank you to my Auntie-Mom Roma Cartney and Cousin-sister Starla Green for traveling to be with us the day he passed. Thank you Roma, Starla, Cousin-Brother Casey Green, Nephew Ernest (Boogie) Morning Owl, Niece Selena, Sister Tina Sockzehigh and everyone who came for Wasklikt services to light up our home.

Butch David and Hobo Pat, I can't thank you enough for calling and messaging me to check on him this past year, sharing your encouraging words and especially for coming to visit us in Portland when we knew time was getting short.

Although he didn't want anyone to know his condition, I am glad that you made the trip to visit with him, to reminisce about old rodeo days and share all the crazy stories and laughter. Your visit brought him much happiness.

Thank you Jr, Dit and Sophie Bronson for the salmon, Cort Herrera for hunting, the cooks who prepared the wonderful meal and to everyone who brought food to the longhouse or sent food to our home, it was delicious.

Edwina Morning Owl



Warm Springs, another Christmas wish from artist Travis Bobb.

and Grampa's little sidekick "G-man" Garian—I don't know what I would do without you two! Thanks for stopping by the house and checking on "Grampa Man," helping do chores, and always making me laugh even when I didn't want to.

Steven Grayboy—Thank you for keeping Tyera sane through all of this and for helping take care of Dad in

our home.

Lindsey Myers and Teteo Yaoch—Thank you for always being a part of our family and willing to do anything for us and especially for being Taylor's emotional support even though she was what seemed like a million miles away. We couldn't have asked for better "adopted" kids than you two!
Cody Cimmiyotti—

Thank you for stepping up and helping serve at the longhouse for the first time ever. You did awesome!

Thanks again everyone and I'm sorry if I forgot to mention anyone, as it wasn't intentional.

Family of Kirby Tye Pete ~ Celeste Reves, Tyera Alice and Taylor Alaine Pete

More great student attendance at the Academy

These students posted perfect attendance at the Warm Springs Academy:

Kindergarten: Malyiah Love Archer, Myleah Yazmin Lutha Baza, Harold Blackwolf III, Calvin John Charley Jr., Kalicia Marionita Jean Graybael, Seanlee Harrington, Soraya Mae Heath, Aybrey Lynn Jeann Herkshan, Jason Ray James Jim, Aidan Francis Jones, Tyler Lee Kalama, Janessa Lee Martinez, Sheylene Shey Napyer, Osten Tommy Queahpama, Andrew Bryttan Light Hawke Smith, Gabriel Stwyer Hoptowit, Annalysia Annie Switzler, Klai Edward Thompson and Charelle Annelisse Wainanwit.

First grade: Bella Wildfire Herkshan, Niko Lucia Kollen, Devyn Joseph Lucci Bobb, Faith Louise Montgomery, Dru Memphis Picard Smith, Debra Lee Plouffe Anson, Aliyana Sophi Rodriguez Longknife, Pixie Jada Santos Red Dog, Arellie Xavon Scott, Un Wuck MaryRose Smith Myers, Naudia Allena Smith, JoeRay Mylo Stwyer, Eli Braxton Tewee, Phillip RisingSun Winishut Boise and Matthew James Winishut.

Second grade: Daniel Faustino Arce, Ellison T. Chavez Jr., Fiske Lawry Clark, Kyle Aldo Ray Frank

III, Warriar Breshon Brent Graybael, Riley Cose Heath, Wyatt Porter Heath, Keiko Lei Kalama, April Kyleen Ruiz Covarrubias and Minnie Ida Yahtin Cloud.

These students had outstanding attendance at the Academy:

Kindergarten: Janaya Laylani Adams, Jenasis Ja'nae Allen, Diaz N. Arthur, Sharmiah Mariel Kate Brisbois, Darrell Rain Bufalo Ball, Ella Danielle Caldera, Soraya Neda Caldera, Ronnie Diano Charley, Leo Marcus Dimmick, Frances Hunter Fuaiva Caldera, Elijah Aaron Gentry, Taylynn Irene George, Natlalie Hazelbaker, Lewis Thomas Henry, Angel Lee Jensen Quintana, Micheal Anthony Jensen Quintana, Keadyn Joshua Lee Jensen, Laki Aiden Jones, Adrianna Jo Miller, Quintin Ty Ohte, Samuel Lester Picard, Ignacio Ruiz Covarrubias, Isley Jayden Bill Sam, Roscoe Kellen Smith, McKie Kelly Suppah, Lundy Ray Tewee, Marie Ellen Tom, Tessina Renea VanPelt Jim, Marie Leona Matilda Wahchumwah, Caroline Snow White, Jayden M. Winishut McKinley, Andrew Duane Winishut Paul and Aden Amer Zarate.

First grade: Willie Sittinghorse Kirk Jr., Karlos Alec Enrique Adams, Estanislau LeeWalla Aguilar, Ohiyessa Isanti Allen Yahtin, Emmalina Corrina Faye Andy, Joletta Edith Begay, Ovienda Loreal Bisland, Kaydence Suzette Blackwolf, Marcus Andre Bobb Clements, Drake Mychal Jaye Brisbois, Jacob Cole Caldera Picard, Kaelani Liane Colwash, Emery Rain Crawford, LynNiyah Pretty Nigelina Davis, Ivan Hardisty Dimmick, River Martin Edwards, Allen Johnson Rhoan Garcia, Veronica Danet Givens, Alejandro Gomez Valla Jr., Demarcus Jade Thomas Greene, Julius Hazelbaker, Lazarus Lukas Hellon, Jaylon James Henry, Lance Hunter Hoptowit Jr., Marie Meanus Jackson, Aalyssa Suri James, Kenyon Dante Kalama, Adrian Martinez, Robert Lee Mines Jr., Jermaine George Mitchell Picard, Meleseke Versa Nua, Jacob Ronald Perez, Jrayden Smokey Sky Riddle, Keira Marie Saldana, Bethaliss Sue Smith, DeAnthony Jose Sohappi Gonzalez, Devin Rae Sohappi, Landon James Steen, Jacoby Albert Allen Stevens, Koryahna Renee Stwyer, Jaden Alene Ranita Suppah, Mateja Renee Sutterlee, Brooklyn Loraine Switzler, Charles Running Wolf Thomas, JaLeya Ungildili Tuckta Mekui,

Albert Perry VanPelt, Carla May Wainanwit, Sylvia Rachell Rose Wallulatum, Mathew Briscis Wewa, Jeslie Williams, Jewlian Roberta Williams, Teynesia Apryl Williams and AnnaBelle Yahtin Arthuer.

Second grade: Keian Taine Bellanger, Mya Rachel Blackwolf, Kevin Wayne Blueback, Anthony John Caldera Jr., Accalia D. Charley, Orrin Layne Cortazar, Kieran Crowe, Lynnelle Marie Danzuka, Elijah Leigh Denny, Sequoya Cedar Edwards, Adrian Gabriel Florendo Ribeiro, Mason E.L. Frye, Tairia Julie Govenor, Jada Herkshan, Lena May Holliday, LaRose Marie Hoptowit, Journey Kai Viola Hurtado, Jesiah Lee Johnson, Jadrin Thane Gilbert Kalama, Jada Kimberly Medina, Thomas Virgil Logan Mireles, RayMona Larie Mitchell, NaYimmi Shayla Norris, Briscis Elsa Picard Smith, Anna Rios, Dream Skylea Sohappi, Mylee J. Suppah, Askewin Kalonnie Tom, JaRonn Keremlii Tuckta Mekui, Jordashia Dilomung Tuckta Mekui, Alyssa Maria Stacy Tulee, Aiyanna Anabah VanPelt, JaMario Jordan VanPelt, Frederick James Wallulatum Jr., Hazen Adariu Wallulatum Medina and Joshua Luke White.

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