

## Inspiring speech at COCC commencement

Taw 'TJ' Fultz of Warm Springs was a featured speaker last weekend at the Central Oregon Community College graduation ceremony.

TJ got his Transfer Degree in Education in December, and walked with the other recent graduates on Saturday.

Michelle Cary, director of the COCC Native American program, recommended TJ as a graduation speaker to Andrew Davis, director of Student Campus Life at COCC in Bend.

Andrew agreed, and asked TJ if he would like to give a speech at the commencement.

TJ had gone to Mariah Stacona's graduation ceremony recently at Northwest University in the Seattle area, where he heard the student speakers.

This gave him the idea for his speech at COCC.

"Mostly I talked about my journey, where I come from, and lessons from my mom," TJ says.

His mom is the late Rita 'Patches' Roybal-Marchand.

TJ works as the Prevention coordinator in Warm



Recent COCC graduate TJ Fultz

Springs. Here are some of the comments he made at the COCC commencement:

Good morning everyone. My name is Taw Foltz. Most people call me TJ, which is kind of funny because even though it's only one letter less, it's much easier for others to pronounce and far easier for them to remember.

I stand before you today as do my fellow students, a college graduate. Though each of us has our own personal journey, I am going to give you a glimpse of mine. When I was a freshman

in high school I dropped out. In the fall of the next year I returned, and with help from a few friends and teachers from Madras High School, I was able to graduate.

My college journey started back in 1998 at COCC. I come from a small town located on a remote Indian Reservation, you may have heard of it, Warm Springs, or for many Kah-Nee-Ta.

I was raised by a single mother, Patches was her name. I want to bestow upon you four life lessons that I learned from this wonderful woman that I continue to practice every day.

**Lesson one:** My mother told me that hard work and dedication can take you far in life, as long as you are humble and stay the course.

Life is going to try its best to knock you down and make you feel like giving up.

I was reminded recently by a professor (Dennis Lynn) in one of his 'weekly reflections' he so eloquently wrote a few weeks ago, that rings true to lesson one.

The quote states "This too shall pass" which to me means that no matter what you are given each day, good or bad, will come and go repeatedly with time.

Remember, even when things are bad, they will get better, and when things are going good, they will disappear as well. You have to remember your core values and beliefs and stay true to yourself.

**Lesson two:** Patches taught me that kindness and respect go hand in hand and that in order to get respect you must first learn to give respect.

As you navigate through life remember to follow the Golden Rule which is the principle of "treating others as you would wish to be treated."

When you respect someone it gives them a sense of self-worth and could change their lives for the better.

**Lesson three:** My mother taught me to take chances in life and to not be afraid to make mistakes.

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## Parade on the Fourth

The Recreation Department will host the Fourth of July Parade, this year with the theme, Oohrah—Honoring Marines.

Parade line-up will be at 9 a.m., judging at 10, and the parade start at

11. The parade goes from the campus to the Community Wellness Center, where there will be a barbecue and family games.

For more information call Recreation at 541-553-3243.

## Great deals in June at Heart of Oregon store

Stop by the Heart of Oregon Corps Thrift Store in Madras during June for some great deals.

The Thrift Store is preparing for an extensive remodel that will begin on June 30. Until then, the store will be clearing all contents for the prior to its month-long remodel closure.

Through June all items at the store are \$1 or less, with the exception of some furniture items. Furniture items will be marked down drastically.

The Heart of Oregon Thrift Store is not accepting donations during June. The store asks that the public hold onto donations until the store re-opens on August 1.

During the July remodel, the store will be receiving much-needed new floors as well as some repairs to the interior.

Heart of Oregon employees and student-volunteers will continue to work through the remodel. The store will also be accepting monetary donations from the public during the closure to help cover the cost of goal-engagement bonuses for thrift store student-volunteers.

The Heart of Oregon Corps Thrift Store will show its appreciation for customer and donor support by hosting a Customer Appreciation Event on August 3, after the store re-opens.

The store will provide light refreshments and will be thanking the public for its continued support. More details on this event will be released in July.

The Heart of Oregon Corps Thrift Store is deeply integrated in the Jefferson County community. In addition to providing job-skills training to youth experienc-

ing disabilities, the store also serves Jefferson County's homeless and low-income population with the Wooden Nickel program.

As part of this ongoing service project, the store partners with Jefferson County agencies who work with low-income and homeless individuals and families. In the 2017-18 school year, the store program helped 777 low-income and homeless families with \$13,466 in donated merchandise through the program.

"Our customers and donors are essential to the Store's vitality, and we want to make sure everyone knows we're not closing permanently," said Linda Graham, Heart of Oregon Thrift Store Manager.

"We look forward to re-opening in August and continuing to be part of the Madras community for years to come."

**About Heart of Oregon Corps Thrift Store:** Heart of Oregon Corps is a regional nonprofit that inspires and empowers positive change in the lives of young people through jobs, education, and stewardship. Heart of Oregon Thrift Store is a program of this regional nonprofit that follows its mission by engaging students experiencing disabilities in a retail-based job-skills training program.

These youth are enrolled students within the Jefferson County School District and the state Youth Transition Program through Oregon Vocational Rehabilitation Service. The program serves youth by preparing them for employment in their communities, helping them build confidence, leadership, and connection to their community.

## Summaries of Tribal Council

### June 3, 2019

Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Joseph Moses, Chairman Raymond Tsumpti, Vice Chair Lola Sohappy, Brigitte McConville, Wilson Wewa Jr., Anita Jackson, Glendon Smith, Lincoln Jay Suppah, and Raymond Moody. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

• Bureau of Indian Affairs update.

• Office of Special Trustee update.

• Update on the water line break with Public Utilities.

• There was a short discussion about the Tribal freezer inventory.

• Update on the water line break with Indian Health Services director, engineer and Bureau of Indian Affairs by phone.

• Federal legislative update call.

• Tribal attorney update.

• Motion by Anita adopting Resolution No. 12,597 authorizing the Tribal Council Chairman, Vice Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer/CEO in consultation with the tribal attorneys to take appropriate action, including the commencement of legal action that seeks to recover damages from the party or parties responsible for the damages resulting from the Nena Springs Fire; and that otherwise seeks to protect the tribes' resources and interests; and permits the authorized representatives in consultation with the tribal attorneys to engage outside legal counsel to represent the tribes in any action that may be commenced in Warm Springs Tribal Court. Second by Brigitte. Question: All in favor, 9/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Motion by Glendon adopting Resolution No. 12,598 approving exhibit A (attached to the resolution) and authorizes the Tribal Council Chair, Vice Chair or Secretary-Treasurer to

execute a finalized version of attached exhibit A; and Tribal Council agrees to waive the tribes' sovereign immunity for the limited purposes of this Agreement under the terms contained in the Consent Order as authorized by WSTC Chapter 30. Second by Anita. All in favor: 9/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Tribal attorney update with John Ogan.

• Motion by Brigitte to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

### June 4

Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Joseph Moses, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Chairman Raymond Tsumpti, Vice Chair Lola Sohappy, Brigitte McConville, Wilson Wewa Jr., Anita Jackson, Glendon Smith, Lincoln Jay Suppah, and Raymond (Captain) Moody. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

• Culture and Heritage Committee update.

• Fish and Wildlife Committee update.

• Museum At Warm Springs update.

• Warm Springs Housing Authority update.

• Warm Springs Composite update.

• High Lookee Lodge update.

• Project Management Group:

• Motion by Anita approving Tribal staff and ICF/PDG to meet with IHS and BIA to discuss their contributions and proposed projects and report back to Tribal Council; Work with ICF regarding the funding for Project 1 and Project 2 (addressing the water situation).

Currently there is a MOU with ICF but do not have an agreement about specific project funding. Recommended that tribes work with ICF to get that in place for this emergency situation.

Work with ICF regarding TERO requirements for the

project. Internal conversations have already been had regarding the use of tribal employees with construction experience (BPU, Warm Springs Housing Authority, Warm Springs Construction); focus development efforts on Project 3 which includes \$1 million commitment from the state and HUD Imminent Threat grant.

This will also be the focus of the June 12 Funding Summit. Second by Wilson. Question. All in favor: 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Early Childhood Education Center employee furlough notice discussion:

• Chief Operations Officer, Secretary-Treasurer, ECE General Manager will meet tomorrow to work towards resolving this issue.

Motion by Glendon to adjourn at 5:15 p.m.

### June 6

Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Joseph Moses, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Chairman Raymond Tsumpti, Vice Chair Lola Sohappy, Brigitte McConville, Anita Jackson, Glendon Smith, Lincoln (Jay) Suppah, and Raymond (Captain) Moody. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

• Health and Human Services update.

• Education update.

• Public Safety update.

• Development update:

• A resolution will be drafted to include items for Tribal Council consideration.

• Tribal Court update.

• Request for an advance lease payment:

• Will be discussed at a later date to give the Secretary-Treasurer time to get information from Realty and/or BIA Superintendent.

• Motion by Captain to adjourn at 4:41 p.m.

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We wish you well in all your future endeavors!



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