

Prevention coordinator takes position with Health Authority

Michael 'Mykee' Martinez has resigned his position as Prevention Coordinator with the Confederated Tribes. His resignation becomes effective November 19.

Mykee has accepted a position as the Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Program Analyst 3, Tribal Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Policy Specialist position with the Oregon Health Authority.

He will be working in Portland. This position is assigned to serve the Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Preven-

tion section, Center for Prevention and Health Promotion of OHA.

Mykee is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. He has worked for the tribe in several capacities. His current position as a Certified Prevention Coordinator started in December 2009.

Mykee is a sought after speaker in Prevention topics. And during the 2018 Oregon Place Matters Conference, Mykee received the Joe Weller Guardian Award in recognition of his ongoing work in tobacco preven-



Courtesy HAPPI

Michael 'Mykee' Martinez

tion.

Mykee has mentored many youth workers during the summer youth program, and never passes up an opportunity to stop and answer questions or offer words of advice during the planning of community classes or events.

Although we wish him much success in his new endeavor with the state, we will miss his expertise and willingness to take on the challenges in the work we do in Health and Prevention Promotion Initiatives (HAPPI).

Ron Hager, program director.

Community notes...

Warm Springs Red Cross is having a meeting this Thursday, October 10 for anyone interested in becoming a volunteer with the Warm Springs smoke detector program.

The meeting will be at noon at the Family Resource Center.

They will also be talking about the upcoming smoke detector check and replacement effort. The class on how to become a volunteer is very easy, taking about 10 minutes, said Rose Alarcon, program coordinator.

Confronting Racism is the theme of a series of events being held at Central Oregon Community College during the month of October.

There will be a panel discussion, a presentation and a film. These events are free and open to the public.

A panel discussion that will examine recent white nationalist incidents, the impact of these incidents on local students, as well as a look at 'double-think' in American society, is scheduled for next Wednesday, October 16, from 3-4:30 p.m. at COCC's Wille Hall.

Double-think is a concept created by George Orwell to explain the central mechanism of authoritarianism, explained local artist Isaac Peterson, one of three presenters on the panel. "It is the ability to believe two ideas that are in direct conflict with one another without resolving them.

Other presenters are Murray Godfrey, assistant professor of history at COCC, and Kelsey Freeman, the college's Native American college prep coordinator.

Film festival in Madras features two Native screenings

Two of the films at the upcoming Bend Film Festival showing in Madras feature Native American stories. The festival will be this Friday and Saturday, October 11 and 12 at the Madras Performing Arts Center at the high school.

The first of the four films is *Native Wisdom: The Peoples of Eastern Oregon*. The show begins at 5:30 p.m. Friday, running until 6:55 p.m.

The film's director Tim Keenan Burgess, and producer Kunu Bearchum are scheduled to attend the showing.

The film features the voices of indigenous scientists and elders from several Oregon interior tribes, including the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Reservation and Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, as they share observations of their changing environment, natural resource issues, and the beauty of tribes' traditional arts, music and storytelling.

The evening showing serves as the Central Oregon premiere of the film.

The show *I Want My MTV* will follow the showing of *Native Wisdom*.

The movie chronicles the cultural impact and early days of MTV. The innovative channel became a touchstone for young people in the 1980s, and a



Courtesy photo

Once Upon A River, the story of a Native American teen who journeys down the Stark River in search of her estranged mother.

new format for musicians and filmmakers.

The showing begins at 7:45 on Friday, with a runtime of 86 minutes and will be accompanied by a 9-minute short film, *Pie in the Pass: A Brief History of Pieing in Film*.

The second Native-theme movie is *Once Upon A River*, showing on Saturday, October 12 at the Performing Arts Center.

Set in rural Michigan in the 1970s *Once Upon A River* is the story of Native American teenager Margo Crane, who is forced to journey on the Stark River in search of her estranged mother.

As Margo uses the skills she was taught by her father to survive, she meets many characters along the way.

Despite the challenges, Margo is able to stay true to herself as she discovers what it means to live.

The film's appearance at the festival is serving as its Oregon premiere. The Madras showing begins at 5:30 p.m. and runs until 7:08 p.m. It will be preceded by the short-six-minute film *Elohi*, which is "an attempt to translate the voice of the place the stories call Cherokee Country."

The final portion of the

film festival in Madras will be a screening of several short films, ranging in length from two minutes to 28 minutes.

The films include, *We Are Forbidden*, *Motherland*, *Gun Shop*, *Singing for King*, *All on a Mardi Gras Day*, *The Flip*, and *Ground Rush*.

The short film screening begins at 7:45 p.m., following *Once Upon A River*.

For full descriptions of the short films, information about other films being shown in Bend, or to buy tickets ahead of time, visit bendfilm.org/madras

Tickets can be purchased at the door on the night of the event as well. Admission is \$5 per screening and cash or credit cards will be accepted on site.

Word workshops in Warm Springs

Warm Springs Education will host two free Microsoft Word workshops this month—Word I and Word II.

Education is hosting the workshops in partnership with the tribes, Warm Springs Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), WorkSource and Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council.

The Word I workshop is this Friday, October 11 at 1 p.m.; and the Word II ses-

sion is on Friday, October 18, also at 1 p.m. Both workshops will be at the Education building, 1110 Wasco Street.

As seats are limited, to reserve a place please call Melinda at 541-553-3324; or email Deanna at: dfender@coic.org

Word I: An introductory level class on word processing using Microsoft Word 2019. Learn how to open, create and save a document, and how to use

the Word program for checking spelling and grammar.

Word II: Review of information from the first session, then learn some additional features including using indents, line spacing, bullets and numbering, and inserting tables. You must attend Word I to take Word II.

Participants must 18 or over. Bring picture ID or other proof of date of birth.

Warm Springs Good News Club starting

The Warm Springs Good News Club is starting this week, and goes through April of next year. The club meets at the Warm Springs Baptist Church.

Students in grades 4 through 8 will meet from

1:15 to 2:15; and grades k-3 from 2:15 to 3:15.

Registration forms are available at the Warm Springs Academy, the Warm Springs Market, the Family Resource Center, and the Behavioral Health

Center. Vans are available for transportation from the Academy to the Good News Club meetings. Sponsored by the Ponderosa Chapter of the Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Community Wellness Center/Recreation Department Presents:

Spooky Indian Nite Out & Drummerz Jam Session

Monday
October 28, 2019

Warm Springs Community Center

Potluck dinner 5:30 pm
Pow-wow 6:30pm

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