

The Early Childhood Education Center in November hosted the Roc Your Mocs Native American Heritage Month Mini Powwow. At the powwow, Lil' Miss Warm Springs Analiese Danzuka gets ready for the powwow grand entry, featuring the youth drummers, at the Agency Longhouse.



KWSO photos



For leading all-Native crew

Rob Roy lived and worked for years in Warm Springs, for instance at Fire Management. Earlier this month, Mr. Roy, a Yakama Nation member, attended the awards banquet of the Tribal Employment Rights Office, TERO, of the Grand Ronde tribes, out of which Rob now works.

During the evening Mr. Roy was honored with the 2025 Employee of the Year for the Grand Ronde office. The director of the office, Harris Reibach, gave these remarks regarding Roy and the TERO recognition:

This young Warrior joined our TERO program in 2022 and was soon dispatched to one of our memorandum of understanding Oregon Department of Transportation heavy highway construction projects.

He has been a great asset to not only our TERO program but a key employee on each and every project he has been assigned to.

He started out as a general laborer and has since been promoted to foreman in about a two-year period. That is not an easy task to accomplish, which most people in this room can at-



Courtesy Smoke Signals

Rob Roy recognized for work leadership.

test to.

He has been a great advocate for our TERO program as well. He sees the importance of getting our Native people out on these projects to show that our people are capable of not only doing the work but running these multimillion-dollar projects.

He is now the foreman of an all-Native crew on a half a billion-dollar project. He has helped the Tero dispatcher put together this all-native crew which supersedes any work crew that our program has done to this day.

He is well versed when it comes to the rights that our program has for our natives. He stands strong as a Na-

tive man and is not afraid to stick up for the rights of our people in the industry.

There are many challenges in the position in which he holds, and he is very well spoken when it comes to getting the job done whether it be with his supervisors or with his crew. So, without further a due we now present to you, our 2025 TERO Worker of the Year Rob Roy Jr.

About 120 people were in attendance at the event: Workers, construction contractors, ODOT representatives, Grand Ronde Tribal Council, TERO commissioners and other guests. (Note: Smoke Signals contributed to this story.)

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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15TH & 16TH DEC | 9AM - 7PM EACH DAY
OLD ELEMENTERY GYM

YOUTH GIFT GIVEAWAY

PARENT/GUARDIAN REQUIRED.
Children need not attend.

Drug & Alcohol Free Event.

Notes...

The Commodities **Food Bank** is open every Tuesday and Friday at the Commodities warehouse in the Warm Springs Industrial Park.

Warm Springs **Behavioral Health** offers several groups during the week. Fridays there is a Relapse Pre-

vention Group, Anxiety Group and Wellbriety Group Therapy meetings. Learn more by calling or stopping by the Behavioral Health Center, 541-553-3205.

The **Warm Springs Native Market** is this Wednesday, November 26. The market is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Campus cafe-

teria. OSU Extension will be doing a do-it-yourself Native-plant wreath making station with small wreaths for kids and other kid crafts.

Another Vendor will offer a limited supply of a first-ever honey harvest, honey sticks, flower seeds, and bee stickers. KWSO will be selling zippered bags with handy items inside.

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