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Tribal member Bryan Mercier, right, accepts the Bonneville Power Administration Administrator's Extraordinary Team Accomplishment award from BPA Administrator Elliot Mainzer at the Portland headquarters in March. Mercier manages Bonneville Power's Environmental Fish and Wildlife business operations and the team won the award for its "Let's Talk Culture" series.

Bonneville Power Administration honors Bryan Mercier with award

PORTLAND — The Bonneville Power Administration presented Grand Ronde Tribal member Bryan Mercier with one of its highest honors as part of the agency's Administrator's Excellence Awards program.

Mercier, who lives in Portland, manages Bonneville Power's Environmental Fish and Wildlife business operations and is part of the American Indian/Alaska Native Council. The Native Council's team members received the Administrator's Extraordinary Team Accomplishment award for its "Let's Talk Culture" series.

The annual Excellence Awards Program honors employees and members of the public whose innovation, initiative, superior service and courageous acts have made exceptional contributions to Bonneville Power's mission, the electric utility industry or the local community.

Bonneville Power Administrator Elliot Mainzer presented the awards in March at the Portland headquarters.

"These individuals represent excellence in everything they do," Mainzer said. "No matter their corner of the organization or their specific job, they all do their work in the context of a bigger picture and for the greater cause, and they've made a difference through their tremendous contributions to BPA's public service mission."

During the "Let's Talk Culture" series, Native Council team members who are all Native American shared their personal experiences and invited dialogue to improve understanding and break down stereotypes. The creative, engaging sessions made a positive and profound effect on fellow employees and enhanced Bonneville Power's intercultural competence.

Mercier is a 1992 graduate of North Salem High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Oregon School of Business. He worked for 10 years for the Tribe's Natural Resources Department.

Award recipients were nominated by their peers and were evaluated on numerous criteria, such as excellence in their chosen field, technical achievement, community outreach and service as an "unsung hero." ■

The Multicultural Student Union of Western Oregon University Presents

23rd Annual POW WOW

"We Beat to the Heart of Our Drum"

Saturday - April 16, 2016
12 pm - Midnight (Free Admission)
Grand Entries: 12 pm & 7 pm
Pacific Room, Werner University Center

Dinner Break: 5 pm - 7 pm
Master of Ceremonies: Nick Sixkiller
Whipman: Tony Whitehead
Host Drum: TBA
Flag Bearer: Wayne Chullik

"Jackpot Dancing" All dancers & Drummers Welcome!

For vendor registration or more information contact 503-879-1646 or mike@ctgr.com

Native Caring Conference slated

PENDLETON – The 11th annual Native Caring ... A Conference to Learn, Connect & Share will be held Wednesday and Thursday, April 20-21, at the Wildhorse Resort and Casino in Pendleton.

The conference, hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation, will give caregivers of Native Elders and relative caregivers of children a chance to attend valuable workshops that will enhance caregiving skills and provide a break from their daily responsibilities.

For more information, contact Ben Bearchum Jr. at 541-278-7533 or Lindsey Watchman at 541-278-7560. ■

Learn about Broccoli and Everything Salad and Baked Zucchini Sticks! Free Hands-on Cooking Class



Broccoli and Everything Salad



Baked Zucchini Sticks

Tuesday, April 19

5:30 p.m.

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Sign up TODAY!

Call Francene Ambrose, coordinator at 503-879-3663 or fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org



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Children & Family Services 3-on-3

Join us for a fun night of basketball to support safe and happy childhoods & healthy families for Child Abuse Prevention Month!

Friday, April 22 5:30pm

3-on-3 Basketball

More fun!

at the CTGR Tribal Gym

3 Point Shoot-Out

2 Divisions: 6th-8th

Divisions: 5th Grade &

& 9th-12th Grades

under, 6th-8th,

Register by April 19th!

9th-12th & Adults

(registration not required)

Get your 4 players together and register at the CTGR Community Service Center or call Mike Barry at 503-879-1646.

...Fun...Prizes...Snacks...& Great Info!



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Please call Amanda Mercier at 503-879-2039 with any questions.