

## TERO Worker of the Month April 2022

**Name:** Lewis Napoleon  
**Employer:** Turn Key Scaffolding  
**Position:** Scaffolding laborer



Lewis Napoleon

In one of our recruiting efforts, TERO gave a presentation at the Siletz Reservation, where Lewis Napoleon was introduced to the opportunities presented through the TERO program.

Lewis showed a great interest in our ODOT projects and filled out a TERO Skills Bank application in January 2020. He kept in consistent contact through TERO's out-of-work call-in line and was soon dispatched as a scaffolding erector for Turn Key Scaffolding on the Yaquina Bay Bridge project in Newport, where Lewis has remained working for almost two years.

Lewis said that while working for Turn Key he has learned many new skills, such as working safely, comfortably and confidently at heights and gaining knowledge with new tools and different materials.

Lewis said that the trainings that TERO provides and the job connections helped him get hired by a great company. He said TERO continues to provide support for him to be the best employee he can be.

Lewis also said that if you are looking for a great job, give Grand Ronde TERO a call and they can help get your foot in the door on one of many projects.

We are proud to announce Lewis Napoleon as TERO's April Worker of the Month. Great job, Lewis!

**For more information on the TERO Skills Bank and any other TERO opportunities, contact the TERO office or the TERO director.  
TERO Office: 503-879-1488 or [tero@grandronde.org](mailto:tero@grandronde.org)**

## Housing prices escalating in West Valley communities

The West Valley communities of Sheridan and Willamina were among 89 towns near Portland that have seen substantial increases in home prices between the first quarter of 2020 and the first quarter of 2022, according to the website Zillow.

The average home price in Sheridan jumped 40.1 percent from \$274,004 to \$383,856 while in Willamina the average increased 40 percent from \$242,405 to \$339,468.

Two other Yamhill County communities also saw substantial increases in the average home prices during those two years. Amity, approximately six miles south of McMinnville on Highway 99W, saw a 42.2 percent increase while Dayton, southeast of McMinnville, saw a 39.7 percent increase.

Oregon state economist Josh Lehner told *Willamette Week* that factors contributing to the increases in towns surrounding Portland include the fact that the farther one gets from the big city the lower the price of housing becomes and that more companies are letting employees work from home, which makes a long commute once or twice a week more tolerable. ■

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## Fish & Wildlife Program

### Natural Resources Department

- Fish and Wildlife Ordinance revisions meeting.
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18
- Tribal Council chambers following the Tribal Council meeting.
- Tribal members and Tribal staff only.
- Hybrid: in-person meeting available through Zoom as well.
- Presentation on proposed changes followed by discussion.

**Natural Resources Department**

For more information, contact the Natural Resources Dept. at 503-879-2424 or [NRD@grandronde.org](mailto:NRD@grandronde.org)

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