

TERO Worker of the Month October 2022

Name: Kevin Contreras
Employer: A+ Flagging
Position: Flagger



Kevin Contreras

Kevin Contreras first signed up with the TERO program in 2020. He took it upon himself to acquire his certified flagging license and was soon dispatched out to A+ Flagging with no experience at all.

Although Kevin had a rough start because of his lack of experience, with some help from TERO's on-the-job training program he overcame the adversities and has become a great asset to the A+ Flagging team.

When asked about his position as a flagger, Kevin said that being part of the heavy highway construction workforce has turned his life around and that he loves supporting our TERO program.

The TERO staff thanks Kevin for all his hard work and great representation.

*For more information on the TERO Skills Bank and any other TERO opportunities, contact the TERO office or the TERO director.
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George re-appointed to ATNI board

PORTLAND – Tribal Council member Jon A. George, 61, was recently re-appointed to serve on the seven-member board of directors for the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians.



Jon A. George

George, who has been a Grand Ronde Tribal Council member since 2012, will serve as the board's second vice president for a two-year term through 2024. It will be George's second term on the board, previously serving as third vice president.

The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians is a non-profit organization representing 57 Northwest Tribal governments in Oregon, Idaho, Washington, southeast Alaska, northern California and western Montana. It is dedicated to Tribal sovereignty and self-determination.

Second vice president is the third highest position on the board. ■

McClary, Wilson win Conservation District seats

Tribal employee Lindsay McClary and Tribal member Michael Wilson won seats on the Polk County Soil & Water Conservation District Board during the Tuesday, Nov. 8, general election.

McClary, the Tribe's restoration ecologist in the Natural Resources Department, took a commanding lead over incumbent David Simmons 11,881 to 7,825 in initial results released by Polk County. She received almost 60 percent of the vote.

Wilson, the Tribe's former Natural Resources Department manager, was unopposed and received 17,416 votes, or 98.7 percent of the votes cast.

The Polk County Soil & Water Conservation District is a subdivision of state government that is administered by seven elected directors who serve without pay for four-year terms. The board is made up of five landowners from different zones and two at-large directors who represent the entire county and meet monthly.

McClary, who lives in west Salem, will represent Zone 2 and Wilson will represent Zone 5, which is most of southern Polk County. ■

Clothes Closet open Fridays

The Clothes Closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon Fridays on the Tribal campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive. The Clothes Closet accepts clothing, small appliances, small pieces of furniture, electronics and household goods that are clean and in good condition. It does not accept books, large TVs or furniture, but there is a community board where people can post those items.

For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565. ■

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT & PREVENTION ACTIVITY CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3 Parent Connections 12-1pm *Drop In*	4	5 Weaving Class 10-3pm *RSVP Required*
6 Youth Council Regular Meeting 1-3pm @ Com. Center *Drop In*	7 Washington School Trip (Suquamish, WA) 7th-11th *RSVP Required*	8	9	10 Canning w/ the elder's event 10-4pm *RSVP Required*	11	12
13	14	15 Gift Making Workshop 4-7pm *RSVP Required*	16	17 Parent Connections 12-1pm @ Plank House *Drop In*	18	19
20	21	22 CTGR Restoration 39 Years!	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28	29	30	Parent Connections 12-1pm @ Community Center *Drop In* Youth Thursday Night Football & Bingo Night. 5-6pm @ Community Center		

If you would like any further information on our events, please check our Facebook page @ Grand Ronde Youth Empowerment, our Instagram @ctgryouthempowerment, or email the YEP team @ yep@grandronde.org.