

TERO Worker of the Month November 2023

Name: Mitch Mckuhn
Employer: Hamilton Construction
Position: Apprentice carpenter

Mitch first signed up for the TERO labor pool in August 2022. Mitch was referred out to different contractors before finding his home with Hamilton Construction on the Van Buren Bridge replacement in Corvallis.

Mitch started out with zero experience in the heavy highway construction industry. He joined the Northwest College of Construction non-union apprenticeship as a laborer. There, he began to learn new skills as a laborer. It didn't take long for Mitch to realize that he wanted to learn more of the trades. So, he switched to the carpentry side of his apprenticeship. He is advancing through his apprenticeship today and learning more skills as a carpenter.

Mitch's willingness to learn and advance in the complexities of the heavy highway industry has made him a valuable asset to the Hamilton Construction team.

Because of his great attitude, hard work, dependability and determination, TERO has selected Mitch for the November TERO Worker of the Month.

Congratulations, Mitch. TERO is proud to have you represent our Native workforce in a great way!



Mitch Mckuhn

*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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Watchlist: 'Native Americans victimized by massive insurance scheme in Arizona'

(Editor's note: It is estimated that there are approximately 149 billion videos on YouTube, and the number continues to grow. Grand Ronde Tribal member and Social Media/Digital Journalist Kamiah Koch sifts through those myriad videos twice a month to recommend a worthwhile Indigenous video to watch. Follow her bimonthly recommendations and enjoy!)

By Kamiah Koch

Social media/digital journalist

The Grand Ronde Tribe just held its first Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Awareness Dinner on Friday, Dec. 1. This event was hosted by the Tribal medication-assisted treatment facility, Great Circle Recovery.

Great Circle Recovery Operations Director Jennifer Worth has spoken with *Smoke Signals* about how drug addiction often intersects with cases of missing Indigenous people.

This has become more apparent in an NBC News investigative report based in Arizona. According to the segment published on Saturday, Dec. 9, Tribal members were lured to treatment centers in Arizona as part of a larger Medicaid scam.

"State officials alleged the providers of these homes made millions off fraudulent Medicaid claims, billing for services not given as well as for people who were in prison or had even died," NBC Correspondent Liz Kreutz said.

These centers were advertised as sobriety homes that were supposed to help Tribal people. Instead the vulnerable Native people were preyed upon.

Native Americans from states including Arizona, South Dakota, Montana and Alaska were lured from their reservations and taken hundreds of miles away with the assurance of treatment.

One of the victims, Raquel Moody, gave an interview about her experience in one of the alleged sober homes.

"She says over the course of six months she was shuffled between 10 homes," Kreutz said. "She says she was moved every time she questioned the quality of care."

The video shows images of Native people who were supposed to be receiving treatment for their addictions passed out on the ground from drug use and open alcohol containers found inside the homes.

The NBC investigators found an Apache Tribal member wandering the streets in Arizona after leaving a sober home a 100 miles from where he was picked up.

When the centers relocate Tribal people and fail to offer them the promised treatment, it puts them in even more danger.

You can watch the entire NBC video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9Q6oLaCdkw. ■

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Any applications received after March 15, 2024, will be kept on file for inclusion to the Memorial in 2025.