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Book talk



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Timothy Murphy, 13, left, shows Tribal member Steph Littlebird Fogel his artwork after her book talk that was held at the Tribal gym on Monday, April 22. Fogel read and answered questions about her book "Coyote & Meadowlark Make Willamette Falls." The book is a project that she wrote and illustrated as a 2023 Indigenous Place Keeping Artist Fellowship recipient. The talk was sponsored by the Tribal Library.



Tribal member Steph Littlebird Fogel, an artist, author and illustrator, discusses her



book "Coyote & Meadowlark Make Willamette Falls" at the Tribal gym on Monday. April 22. The book does not have a release date yet.



Chinuk wawa program opportunities

Those who are interested in enrolling their children in the Tribe's Chinuk Wawa Educational Program have three opportunities to attend an informational session.

The dates are noon on Wednesday, May 8 or 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9 at the chinuk wawa skul on the Tribal campus. The other option is via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15.

Attending one of these sessions is mandatory if your child is not currently enrolled in the program. New applications will not be considered if the parent/guardian has not attended one of the informational sessions. There will be no make-up options.

Email Justine. Flynn@grandronde.org or call 503-879-1857 for more information or the Zoom link. \blacksquare

TERO Worker of the Month April 2024

Name: Joshua Gonzalez Employer: Cutter Construction Position: Dump truck driver

Joshua Gonzalez first signed up for the TERO Skills Bank in July 2023. Soon after, he was referred out as a journeyman laborer on one of TERO's heavy highway construction projects.



Joshua Gonzalez

During a brief layoff, Joshua obtained his Class A Commercial Driver's License through the TERO training assistance pro-

gram and immediately started a new career as a dump truck driver for Eugene William Construction. Joshua then advanced to driving tanker trucks.

Since Joshua joined the TERO team he said he has learned so much in the construction and truck driving industry and is learning more every day.

Joshua added that the Tribe's TERO program stands behind its native workers 100%. Joshua also said TERO provides an opportunity to succeed and gain the training and knowledge needed to journey into a great career.

Joshua gives kudos to Duke Kimsey, Jacob Boekhoff and the rest of the TERO staff for the training and guidance to start his new career

TERO thanks Josh for the great representation of the program and for his dedication to his employers. Way to go, Josh!

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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