



Cinch Anderson, left, and Carson McKay traveled to the World Wide College of Auctioneering on June 16-24 in Mason City, Iowa. Contributed photos



Peruvian native Silvia Calisaya teaches ancient, natural healing traditions at the Canyon Mountain Center in John Day. Contributed photo

## Peruvian visitor shares ancient healing traditions

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

Silvia Calisaya journeyed from the southern Lake Titicaca region of Peru to John Day July 4-6 to share her culture, including the ancient healing traditions of the Peruvian Aymara.

She visited with a group of 15 at the Canyon Mountain Center, a non-denominational well-being and meditation center owned by Jim and Sandy Bay.

"She explained that each person has the power within to heal from traumas that have left us disconnected from our soul," said Sandy Bay. "The more we release those hurts, the more peaceful we become."

In her two-hour talk, Calisaya shared the ancient pre-Incan culture and traditions she grew up learning from her mother and grandmother.

Attendee Tom Winters said it was interesting that the Aymaras believe in the Mayan calendar.

"They understand that the energy on the planet shifted from a male-dominated cycle on Dec. 31, 2012, when the Mayan calendar ended its last 13,000-year cycle, to a female-dominated cycle that is happening now," he said. "It gives me hope for a more peaceful and loving world."

Attendee Eva Harris said it was reassuring there are communities where people are civil and treat each other with respect, "recognizing we are all of one earth and share the same needs."

The Eagle asked Calisaya about her trip, her culture and her advice.

Q: What have you enjoyed about your visit to John Day?

A: I found that the mountains and desert are very similar to Peru. I really enjoyed the Kam Wah Chung Museum. It is a very special place to learn about ancient Chinese medicine traditions.

Q: What did you share with the people here about your philosophy, teachings and traditions?

A: I shared about my culture and how my ancestors (the Aymaras) see their connection with the cosmos (the Sun and Moon) and the earth (the Pachamama). My people believe in natural healing and old traditions. Many people have forgotten about the ancient wisdom of our ancestors. My teachings remind people of their connection to the cosmos, the earth and each other.

Q: How were you able to help people here?

A: Sharing my culture, beliefs and traditions help people to remember their connection to their own self-healing power, and the natural healing power of the earth.

Q: What are some simple words of advice that you have for people to guide them to living a good, healthy life?

A: I spoke about three ancient laws of the Aymaras: "Don't lie, don't steal and don't be lazy." Those laws apply to how we act in the world and also how we treat ourselves. Love, work and service are very, very important. Loving yourself, healing your relationships with your family, friends and the earth are the keys to living a healthy life.

## Two FFA members SOLD! on auctioneering

Teens' talents soar to new level at training

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

Grant Union junior Cinch Anderson and Prairie City junior Carson McKay flew to Mason City, Iowa, in June where they experienced eight days of training at the World Wide College of Auctioneering.

The 16-year-olds, both FFA members, have been involved for years, showing livestock at the Grant County Fair in John Day.

Anderson is vice president of the Grant Union chapter and is the Strawberry Mountain District sentinel, and McKay is president of the Prairie City FFA chapter and is the Strawberry Mountain District vice president.

Anderson, who lives with his family on a ranch in Zee, has shown Herefords since he was 7 years old at various shows and auctions throughout the northwest.

"I've been going to different auctions and hearing auctioneers my whole life and thought it would be something I would enjoy," Anderson said. "Ever since seventh grade, I wanted to



Carson McKay and Cinch Anderson receive their diplomas after attending the World Wide College of Auctioneering in Mason City, Iowa.



go to auctioneering school." He spoke with auctioneer Butch Booker, who recommended the World Wide College of Auctioneering.

As Anderson prepared to sign up, he thought of his friend, McKay, who is also interested in the field, and asked if he'd like to attend.

Both young men have had opportunities to auctioneer at local events, including FFA functions.

McKay said he's auctioneered for FFA for two years now, and he's volunteered for other benefits such as Christmas on the Prairie in Prairie City last fall, an eighth-grade Philly Trip fundraiser, and he auctioned off desserts in Monument during the Fourth of July.

He said he's been work-

ing to develop his public speaking skills for a few years.

"It's not necessarily natural to me, but I have so much fun with it when I'm doing it," he said.

Each received \$1,000 from the Oregon Fair Board Association for the trip with Grant County Fairgrounds manager Mindy Winegar signing an endorsement for them, and they each received \$100 from the Grant County Auction Committee. Anderson also received \$500 from the Grant Union FFA.

The pair traveled by plane on their own for the July 16-24 training, where 71 students took classes, including 20 under the age of 18.

Anderson said they worked on their chant and

learned how to communicate with people for business and auctioneering.

"They taught us everything from real estate, estate sales, livestock, car sales and benefit auctioneering," he said, noting there were 26 professionals teaching.

"It was really fun to go there as friends," Anderson said. "It was a really good time."

McKay said the training was well rounded. He said he'd like to eventually break into livestock auctioning.

"It would be cool to open up a sale barn somewhere, someday," he said, adding, "There is enough cattle around here — Madras and Vale are the closest."

This month, Anderson jumped in with both feet.

On Saturday, July 14, he sold a filly through the fifth annual High Desert Quarter Horses production sale at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center in Redmond. Then July 16, at the Central Oregon Livestock Auction in Madras, he had an opportunity to auction off about 20 drafts of butcher cows and small livestock.

"I want to get out and be around it as much as possible and get to know people in the business and work my way up the chain," Anderson said.

## Monetary gift graces Monument Senior Center

By Angel Carpenter  
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The outpouring of support for the Monument Senior Center continues.

The center's board of directors were notified of a \$39,541 gift from the Joyce Miller Owens Charitable Foundation.

The funds will be used for remodeling both the men and women's bathrooms, including flooring and toilets, and urinals for the men's bathroom.

"We have a really good team, and that's what it takes to make these things happen," said senior center fundraiser chairman Judy Harris.



The Monument Senior Center is the community hub with many events scheduled throughout the year. The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

In addition to the upgrades to the bathrooms, floor underlayment and/or carpeting will be installed in the library meeting room, office, lobby and hallway at the center.

Harris said she and the

board learned about the foundation through director of the board Jimmy Cole's friend Bruce Hansen of Sauvie Island.

Hansen's friend George Ray Jr. is one of the founda-

tion trustees.

"They had talked about our Buckaroo Festival, and (Cole) told him we needed to do some updating," Harris said.

Hansen, who visits the Monument area during hunting season, has been heavily involved in the senior center, donating salmon and corn on the cob to the Buckaroo Festival and items for their annual rummage sale. Both events are fundraisers for upgrades to the center.

"He's been a blessing to our community all around," Harris said of Hansen.

Harris has called the senior center the hub of Monument and says the entire community benefits from the building.

She said 18 volunteers lent a hand at their spring rummage sale, which raised \$2,900.

"I just ask for help, and they show up," Harris said. "We've been blessed 10-fold over."

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