

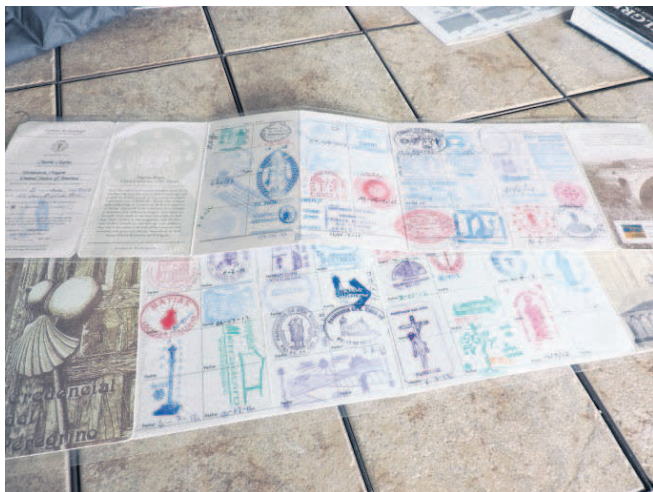


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Charles has felt the same draw, pushing him to do the whole 1,000 in one stretch.

"I'm not going to be alone," he said. "I'm going to be with every other person from around the world who is there."

He said he'll be able to converse with travelers who speak English and Spanish and he will be interested to hear their opinions on Americans. He's never done the French portion of the Camino and doesn't speak French, but he has a trusty guidebook and said villages along the Camino are used to international pilgrims who don't necessarily speak the language. At each stop Clupny can add a new stamp to his guidebook, and at the end will receive a certificate in Latin, similar to the one he received for doing the 500-mile stretch through



STAFF PHOTO BY JADE MCDOWELL.

Stamps show past visits Charles Clupny has made to stops along the Camino de Santiago.

Spain in the past.

Clupny said he's doing the trip for himself but also for CASA. Court-Appointed Special Advocates act on behalf of children in the foster system, as an adult whose only responsibility is to advocate for what is best for the child.

"You represent the children in court, you have to

keep up with the legal system and keep up with the law, you have to do visitations, get to know both sets of parents, attorneys," he said. "It can be frustrating."

Jesus Rome, the area's CASA coordinator, said they appreciate Clupny's efforts to raise money and his volunteer work for the program. "Charlie's a wonder-

ful guy," Rome said. "He's been in CASA for a number of years and he's passionate about kids in foster care."

He said there are about 160 to 170 foster kids in Umatilla and Morrow counties, but only 32 active CASAs at the moment. A training is scheduled on April 2 for new volunteers interested in becoming a CASA, which takes 30 hours of training and a background check to qualify. Money donated on behalf of Clupny will be used for such trainings in the future.

The goal, Rome said, is to serve the area's most vulnerable children and help them find a safe and loving home.

Clupny leaves for Europe April 5. He said he hoped people will be inspired by his 1,000 mile walk and donate to CASA through Umatilla-Morrow County Head Start. A website for donations and updates about his journey will soon be available at www.umchs.com/donate.



STAFF PHOTO BY KATHY ANEY

Isabel Vargas, of the Aztec Dancers, of Yakima, dances with her troupe members during the 2017 Hermiston Cinco de Mayo celebration at Butte Park.

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Lopez said moving out to EOTEC will be a big change, but the facility was specifically designed for events like Cinco de Mayo. The carnival, for example, will be bigger than ever in the greenway built for carnival rides at the Umatilla County Fair.

Last year the committee also wasn't allowed to host a beer garden due to a "no alcohol" rule at city parks, and they had problems with people sneaking it in. This year alcohol is allowed, and the contained nature of the EOTEC property will allow for better security. It will also address problems that happened last year with people running in front of traffic on Elm Avenue.

"One main reason (for the change) is safety — people crossing open roads around the event and kids being unattended with so

much traffic," Lopez said.

The downside is that there will be no parade this year, as organizers didn't feel there was a safe route around EOTEC and didn't want to have the parade separated from the rest of the event. Organizers also have to pay to rent EOTEC for the weekend.

While the Cinco de Mayo nonprofit organization is doing the planning for the event, Lopez said they were being supported by the city, including the parks and recreation department and Hispanic Advisory Committee. Fetter said the city was happy to help with the transition to the new location.

"I think it's a really strong move for them," he said.

Clara Beas Fitzgerald, a city councilor who said she stepped down as president of the Cinco de Mayo group in order to make room for a younger generation of leaders, said they hope to make Hermiston's Cinco de Mayo event the biggest in Eastern Oregon.

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"Agriculture benefits all Oregonians by ensuring food security, providing jobs, preserving the environment, and enhancing our quality of life," Anne Marie Moss, communications director for the Oregon Farm Bureau said in a statement. "It's particularly impressive when you realize that farmers and ranchers represent less than 1 percent of the state's population."

To celebrate, Oregon res-

idents can visit oregonfb.org/oregonsbounty to locate farm stands and u-pick farms in their area.

See page A8 for a story, a column and advertisements celebrating National Ag Week.

Speaking of agriculture, **Kristen Adele Corpus** of Hermiston placed first in the state in the 2017 National Corn Yield Contest, sponsored by the National Corn Growers Association.

Corpus placed first in Oregon in the Irrigated Class with a yield of 310.709

bushels per acre. The hybrid used in the winning field was DEKALB DKC62-05.

The 2017 contest participation included 7,269 entries from 46 states.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help domestic violence victims will have the opportunity to receive the required training at the beginning of May.

Domestic Violence Services is holding trainings for crisis line workers May 2 to May 23 in Pendleton. Classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fri-

days from 6-9 p.m. Topics for the 10 courses range from understanding protection orders to the dynamics of stalking.

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