

Program News

June/July 2015

2015 Social Entrepreneur Of The Year



Congratulations to Robert Fossek, 2015 Social Entrepreneur Of The Year! During a June 10th luncheon celebrating CTUIR Native American Small Business Day, Robert received an engraved award and \$5,000 cash.

Fossek started Edge of The Wild Taxidermy in 1996 and continues operating part-time while working for the CTUIR Police Department. His taxidermy work includes life-size mounts, shoulder mounts, European mounts, antler and skull plaques, and bird mounts. Robert's work can be found in homes and businesses throughout the NW.

Three runner-ups - Margaret Sams, Randall Melton and Anson Crane - received a \$500 cash award and all nominees walked away with gently-used iPads donated by the Board of Trustees.

We applaud all nominees for their hard work, dedication to customers, and staying power. It is said that small business isn't for the faint of heart and Robert, Margaret, Anson, and Randall are no exception. They are truly entrepreneurial!

CDFI Feasibility Study - Update

In our spring newsletter, we announced that consultants had been hired to do a feasibility study for a community development financial institution (CDFI). A CDFI is a non-profit lending institution that also provides community development services. Together with Alan Okagaki and Barbara Roloff, staff have been gathering data, holding focus group meetings, and doing one-on-one interviews.

The next step in the feasibility study process includes surveying individuals to determine their financial well-being and to find out what financial services could benefit the community. Over the summer we will be asking youth and adults to complete a 5-minute survey. Be watching for announcements about where and when you can complete a survey and help us gather important information. You may even win a prize!

2015 Fall Business Classes

Exploring Your Business Idea - Tuesday, September 29 and Thursday, Oct. 1

Indianpreneurship - Tuesday, Oct. 6 - meets every Tuesday through Dec. 1

~ All Classes include dinner ~

Space is limited. Register today!
Contact Raven at 541-966-1920



Young Business Entrepreneurs Week -YEBW 2015



Dillon George at YEBW 2014

Wildhorse Resort & Casino is offering four scholarships for youth to attend Young Entrepreneurs Business Week (YEBW) at Oregon State University. At YEBW, youth are placed in a mock company where they create management teams, develop a mission statement, invent a product, and conduct operations by competing in business simulations.

The learning goes far beyond the business curriculum. YEBW takes youth into the world of business, career preparation and, fun! Guided by a volunteer from the business community, each student-led company participates in company management, mock interviews an etiquette dinner, dance, and much more!

In 2014, with funding provided by NW Area Foundation, Charlotte Barkley, CeCe Hoffman , and Dillon George attended YEBW.

Prime vendor space available for a temporary (pop-up) store located in Coyote Business Park. Vendors of all sizes welcome.

Interested? Give us a call.

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Support these businesses:

Arrowhead Forestry
Attitude Marketing
Brigham Fish Market
Cayuse Country Flowers
Cut It Again Sams
Edge of the Wild Taxidermy
Ken Hall Landscaping
Mission Music Productions
Nutmeg Baking Co.
Patty Hall, Hairstylist
Red Elk Imaging
Red Crane Records
Sundown Grill & Bar-B-Q
Walters Photographers
Wenaha Group, Inc.
Wildbill Productions
Wolf Song Fisheries

Shop Small

Local small businesses offer more personal service. When somebody decides to open a small business, it's because he or she has a passion for it. This passion often translates to excellent customer care, not just from the owner, but from the employees they train directly.

Small businesses have a natural inclination to band together and support one another. For example, a shop owner might commission work from a local potter to resell, or businesses might collaborate to raise funds for a local charity. When local small businesses succeed, they have more resources to support other local business, which magnifies the benefits exponentially.



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