

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS



Kenyon McCord (left photo) raises his hand as he hears a sound during tests conducted by Tabitha Ebner (l) and Brenda Robertson.

Megan Evans (right photo) helps Robert Williams discover how tall he is.



Clinic, Head Start Join Forces for Health Screenings

More than 25 children in the Siletz-area Head Start program received health screenings in late September.

Seven Siletz Community Health Clinic staff members conducted vision and hearing tests, performed dental exams, measured the height, and recorded the weight of each child. Parents were able to get tuberculosis tests at the screening. Information on the Family Health Insurance Assistance Program also was available.

Annual health screenings occur at all four Siletz Tribal Head Start centers. Local health care providers do the screenings for the families in Portland, Salem, and Eugene. According to Lori Jay, family services coordinator, 90 percent of the children involved in tribal Head Start programs are screened each year.

Sacred Sites Ordinance Open for Comment

Cathern "Cat" Tufts, Diane Henkels and Ceola Norton of the Natural Resources Ordinance Project have released the project's last draft ordinance of 1999, the Sacred Sites draft ordinance, for community consumption.

The Sacred Sites Ordinance provides procedures for protecting culturally important sites and ensuring that any use of sacred sites is compatible with the land's value for cultural purposes. The tribe's expected benefit from this ordinance is expanded jurisdiction in protecting culturally important sites, perpetuating tribal culture through this protection, and helping the tribe create culturally sensitive management of such sites.

As with each of the previous draft ordinances, this draft is available to all interested tribal and non-tribal community members for review and comment. The motivation behind making draft ordinances available for review and comment is to encourage individuals to participate in developing the laws that govern the community. Those of you who have sent written comments and attended community meetings have the greatest personal impact on the tribe's future laws. Special thanks go to Lou Carey, Nora Moore and Katy Kaady for their willingness to meet with project staff and share their insights on the draft Water Quality Ordinance.

Tufts, Henkels and Norton will meet with tribal staff and community members for brown-bag lunch sessions from noon to 1:30 p.m. on the following dates: Nov. 1, Siletz; Nov. 3, Portland; Nov. 4, Salem; Nov. 8, Eugene. The Siletz **community** meeting, however, will be held from 5-6 p.m., in conjunction with a Natural Resources Committee meeting also scheduled for Nov. 1.

Contact Lou Carey in Eugene, Bev Owen in Salem, Terry McDowell in Portland, or Ceola in Siletz for a copy of the draft ordinance.

If you have any questions regarding the draft ordinance or the Natural Resource Ordinance Project, call Ceola Norton at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 292, or 541-444-8292, or via email at ceolan@ctsi.nsn.us.

USDA Ready for November

The dates for November distribution will be different due to the many holidays this month.

Salem

Monday, 11/15	3 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Tuesday, 11/16	8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Wednesday, 11/17	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Siletz

Monday, 11/8	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Tuesday, 11/9	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wednesday, 11/10	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

USDA would like to give a very big thank you to a few guys who helped us on Oct. 8 when we received a full truck at our Siletz warehouse. Through the sprinkles and wind, we managed to not damage any food or get any wet.

We would like to thank Daniel Brown for his time and effort. He did a good job and got us out of a couple jams while unloading the truck. We also would like to thank Lenford Simmons and Evaristo (Bris) Bayya for their supervisory skills. Thanks, guys!

Kitti Hostler is turning out to be a great Hyster driver. Daniel told her to practice every day and she would be in great shape for the next truck.

If anyone would like to volunteer at either one of our warehouses, please feel free to stop by or call.