

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

Siletz Conducts Tribal Census

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon is conducting a "tribal census" that will greatly assist in assessing our tribal needs as well as establishing additional funding for future programs.

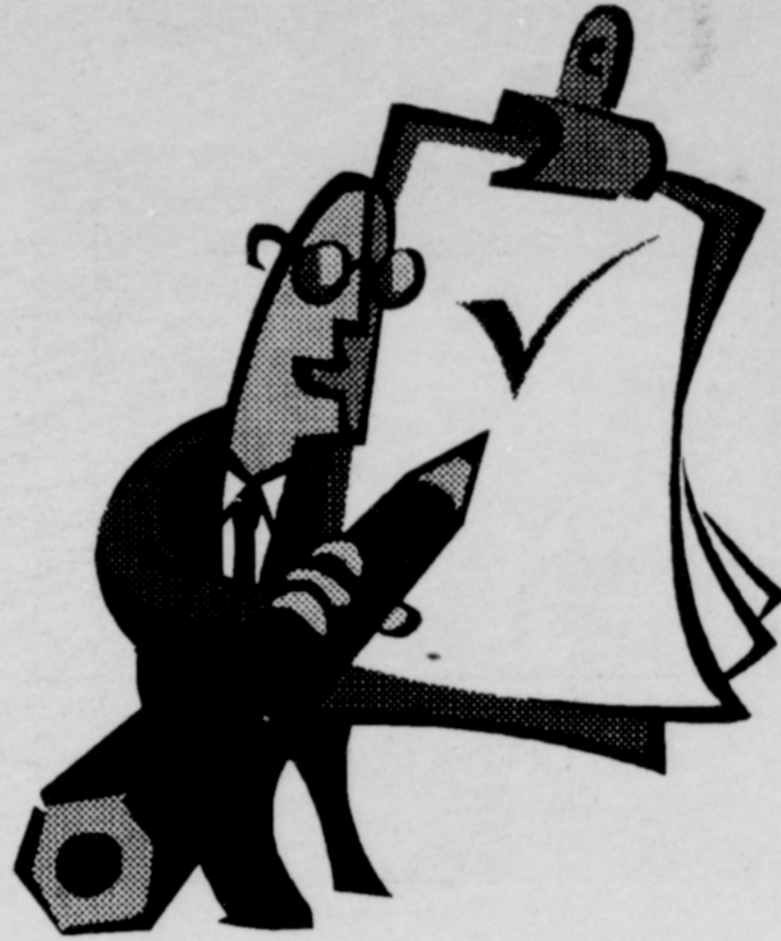
The tribe is offering you a chance to win one of many great prizes for your participation in this very important effort. Every tribal member (18 years and older) should receive a survey questionnaire to be completed. The survey questionnaires were mailed out on Aug. 29, 2000, and included instructions for how to return the questionnaire, postage prepaid. Those tribal members who return their survey questionnaire properly completed by Sept. 23, 2000, will have their name entered into a drawing for the following prizes:

- First prize is a Pendleton blanket and a \$250 gift certificate to Fred Meyer.
- Second prize is a Pendleton blanket.
- Third prize is a \$75 gift certificate to Fred Meyer.
- Three \$25 gift certificates to Fred Meyer also will be awarded as fourth prizes.

It is important that **all** tribal members (18 years and older) are contacted and the necessary information is gathered for each member household. In order to assure that all tribal members have an opportunity to participate, we will make follow-up telephone calls to any tribal members for whom no questionnaire is returned or for whom an incomplete questionnaire is received. Wherever necessary, tribal census personnel will make personal visits to tribal members to give them the opportunity to participate in the census.

Your cooperation and assistance in this matter are very important at this time as the effectiveness of our funding applications will depend on the documentation of our need.

NOTE: All of this information will be held in strictest confidence and will be used only in generalized terms in reports required by the funding agencies. No specifics of any



individual responses to the questions will be reported out.

If one of your family members is incarcerated, hospitalized, or otherwise unavailable during the survey process, another family member can provide the information. This is very important as it is through the household information received during this process that our individual tribal members will qualify for assistance.

At this time, we do not have the kind of tribal member household information necessary to apply for desired funding. So please actively participate in this process and assist your tribe in developing this greatly needed "tribal census."

Should you have any questions, please contact Steven Brown, tribal planner, at the tribal administrative office at 541-444-8235 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 235.



Sue George (l) and Sandra Gordon carry the "Proud to be Alcohol & Drug Free" banner during the pow-wow parade.

TLC Moves Ahead

Hello, my name is Joyce Retherford and I am the temporary coordinator at the Women's Transitional Living Center in Siletz.

I am very excited about being part of the development of this much-needed facility. At the moment, we are working on developing an admissions packet and a resident handbook with a brochure to be sent to different treatment centers so we can begin accepting clients.

In May, a very enthusiastic group of clean and sober women from all around the county began their training to become competent volunteers at the TLC. As the summer months heated up and our schedules got busier, the number of volunteers lessened a bit but the enthusiasm and passion for what we are doing got stronger.

On Aug. 7, we had our regular training session and a Talking Circle. It is a heart-warming experience to listen to the passion these women have for their own sobriety and the health of family and community.

I also want to mention that there is always room for another clean and sober woman in our circle of friends who has a desire to help her fellow women on her path to a better way of life. You can call me at the TLC at 541-444-8238 or 1-800-600-5599.