

TRIBAL MEMBER NEWS

Excess Pledge Revenue Budget Appropriation for 1999

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| Government Operations 20% | |
| Tribal Court | 35,000 |
| Van for Elders | 0 |
| Summer Youth Employment | 0 |
| Government Operations Budget | 341,500 |
| Matching Grant Funds | 3,500 |
| Total Category | 380,000 |
| General Welfare 25% | |
| Death Benefits | 60,000 |
| Education | 0 |
| Education Trust Fund-Wells Fargo | 80,000 |
| Elders Coordinator | 45,000 |
| NICOA Scholarships | 10,000 |
| Summer Youth Employment | 0 |
| Matching Grant Fund | 46,400 |
| Health Care | |
| Actuary | 0 |
| Health Benefits for all members | |
| Health Trust Fund-Wells Fargo | 133,600 |
| Outside Area Services | 100,000 |
| Total Category | 475,000 |
| Economic Development 20% | |
| Siletz Small Business Center | 20,000 |
| Economic Development | 360,000 |
| Economic Development | |
| Siletz Tribal Business Corp. | |
| Pre-Economic Development | 0 |
| Total Category | 380,000 |
| Investments 30% | |
| Real Estate | 0 |
| Reserve Account (Balloon-Charly) | 270,000 |
| Investment in Bank | |
| Historical Research | |
| Balance Investment | 300,000 |
| Total Category | 570,000 |
| Misc. Charities 5% | |
| Distributions approved by Board | 95,000 |
| Total Category | 95,000 |
| Grand Total | 1,900,000 |

Tribal Member News Wanted

Siletz News is looking for information about tribal members similar to the articles you see on this page. We're looking for positive news about you, someone in your family, or someone you know.

Give us a few details and we'll write the story. Or if something has been written about you, send us a copy and we'll get permission to print it in Siletz News. Send us photos and we'll be sure to get them back to you. Don't worry - we'll still keep the birthday, anniversary, and holiday wishes on the back page.

You can reach us at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 291 or 293; fax 541-444-2307; or e-mail pias@ctsi.nsn.us.

Rilatos Shares Cultural History

Submitted by Pat O'Connor, President, Oregon Coast Community College

With its roots in 28 different tribes with eight different language groups, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians has achieved many accomplishments despite a difficult history of persecution and dislocation.

Selene Rilatos, cultural programs coordinator, provided a historical and current overview of the Siletz Indians and of her role in trying to preserve cultural identity. Her noontime presentation last Tuesday (April 10) is part of a cultural diversity series held at Oregon Coast Community College's Newport Center.

Since achieving reinstatement recognition from the federal government in 1977, the tribe has re-established virtually all institutions of government to serve its 3,000+ membership and been successful in opening the Siletz Community Health Clinic in 1991, Chinook Winds Casino & Convention Center in 1995, and other enterprises encouraging self-sufficiency and economic development.

Still, Rilatos pointed out that "after years of termination, relocation, and boarding schools, there is still a need for a lot of healing."

Part of that healing is reinforcing a strong cultural identity. One way is in the preservation of at least one of the Siletz languages. Currently, there are only five local speakers and the youngest is more than 40 years of age. Another means of preservation has been periodic "cultural camps" for tribal members.

A Siletz High School graduate with deep roots in the community, Rilatos has a complex position with much variety. For example, she visits numerous schools throughout the region to discuss tribal heritage and works with community outreach groups such as the Women's Violence Intervention Program.

She and Robert Kentta, her counterpart on tribal cultural issues, envision a Siletz Cultural Center as a way to preserve a vibrant and living history. She made the distinction that the center was not to be a "museum," since those institutions were usually associated with dead history. She expressed hope that the cultural center would become a reality within the current decade.

Weatherization Open Houses Set

Please join us at these open houses to learn more about energy conservation and LIEAP. The Low Income Energy Assistance Program may pay up to \$270 and weatherizing can save you thousands over years. The open houses are free to Native Americans and will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Beverages and snacks will be available.

For more information, please contact Scott Hansen, Native American weatherization specialist, at 541-744-9300.

May 1, 2001

Florence Outreach Office
4969 Highway 101, Unit 3
Florence, OR 97439
541-997-6685

May 3, 2001

Siletz Indian Housing Authority
Conference Room
555 Tolowa Court
Siletz, OR 97380
541-444-8312

May 16, 2001

Coquille Indian Housing Authority
(Open at 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. only)
CIHA Office
2678 Mexeye Loop
Coos Bay, OR 97420
541-888-6501

May 17, 2001

Tribal Hall
338 Wallace
Coos Bay, OR 97420
541-888-9577

All Native Americans are welcome and encouraged to attend.