



A sign in Siletz reflects latest tribal donation and library fund-raising success.

Siletz Library Building Fund Nears Goal

by Karen Carlson

Grant writers for the Siletz Valley Friends of the Library (SVFOL) continue to seek funds for the new library in Siletz. Thanks to recent help from the Siletz Tribe, Georgia-Pacific, other local businesses, and community members, the Siletz library building fund now has more than \$715,000.

During June, Georgia-Pacific's Community Investment Committee approved \$500 toward bookshelves in the main part of the new building.

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and Siletz Tribal Council approved an \$8,000 grant request for two push-button entry doors and a display cabinet. It's truly heartwarming to see this repeated show of support. Thank you, Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and Siletz Tribal Council!

The push-button doors are a special gift and will make access much easier for people with disabilities and for our elders. The electronic doors should cost \$6,000, so we plan to put the remaining funds toward the cost of building a well-lit lockable display cabinet.

It's our intention to display special collections within a prominent area of the library. For example, last year we were given a unique collection of Native American books from someone who grew up in Siletz. The donor says he has always had a special interest in the "history of the Siletz Reservation and Indian culture in general" and we feel sure his books will prove to be a valuable resource for research.

The minimum we need to start building was estimated at \$745,000, but with the addition of the push-button doors, that minimum is now \$751,000.

We still hope to break ground in late summer or early fall. When the new library opens, we will be able to offer an opportunity to respect, preserve, promote, and celebrate our community's diversity.

Locally, we continue to hold various fund-raising events.

On June 25, Siletz Brewery held its first annual golf tournament. The focus for this tournament was to raise funds for the new library building project in Siletz. Steve Lovin of Siletz Brewery presented Amy Gibson, SVFOL board member, with a check for \$350.

"We want to be a part of helping you get that new library built. It will really be a nice asset to our Siletz community," stated Lovin.

During the tournament, Amy Gibson, Lorraine Rich, and Doina High held a silent auction. More than \$1,000 in goods and services were donated by local merchants, including The Wood Gallery, Canyon Way, Mo's, Sea Gulf Charters, and Green Gables. The auction raised \$400.

On July 2, Elizabeth Kosydar coordinated a "games booth" at the Nye Beach Clam Bake. Slices of watermelon and Fourth of July trinkets also were sold, fetching more than \$300.

Our next fund-raising event will be during the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow. On Aug. 13-14, we will have booth spaces available for rent next to the post office for our Siletz Bazaar. Be sure to stop by on your way to and from the pow-wow!

Native Outreach Assistance (NOA) provides low-cost preparation of Chapter 7 filings for individuals and families in all 50 states and territories for less than \$400.

There are three steps to take before the new bankruptcy law will require six months of credit repair if filing in October 2005 or after. The deadline for filing through NOA is Sept. 15, 2005.

1. Complete the info required in the workbook, including all creditor addresses.

Treasurer Launches New Effort to Improved Financial Education Financial Fitness Road Show in High Schools This Fall

PORTLAND, Ore. – In a recent kick-off event with the Oregon JumpStart Coalition, State Treasurer Randall Edwards renewed his call for teaching more personal finance education in Oregon's schools.

"A couple hours of financial education can make a lifetime of difference and save each student thousands of dollars," Edwards told a group of educators and financial industry supporters at the Portland event. "It is time we really dig in and push for our students to understand the risks and rewards of their finances at an early age when they are most vulnerable."

One of the treasurer's strategies in the Financial Fitness Road Show is a financial game show for high schools called "The Price is Wrong," a collaborative effort with the Oregon 529 College Savings

Plan and the Department of Consumer & Business Services. The game show teaches to the Oregon Department of Education standards that relate to budgeting, saving, credit cards, and financial fraud.

Another piece of the strategy for improving financial fitness is the new Web site Tomorrow's Money (www.oregon.tomorrowmoney.org).

Tomorrow's Money is a personal finance resource that addresses issues related to budgeting, financial planning, saving for college, and retirement saving. Tomorrow's Money also can be accessed through www.ost.state.or.us.

Other partners in the Financial Fitness Road Show include the Credit Union Association of Oregon and the JumpStart Coalition.

Lewis & Clark College Offers Scholarships for Master's Students

Under the auspices of the Oregon Center for Inquiry and Social Innovation, full tuition scholarships will be awarded to five M.A.T. and/or M.Ed. students accepted into the 2005-06 Professional Development program at Lewis & Clark College.

These scholarships address the critical need to increase the numbers of Indian tribal teachers and principals/assistant principals, particularly at tribal schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and reservation charter schools.

Individuals who are tribal members and who are willing, after receiving their degree, to participate in a one-year induction at a school with significant Indian student populations are invited to apply. A stipend will cover tuition and fees, living expenses, dependent allowances, and books.

The new program is designed to bring Indian students in as a cohort, in either the teacher or administrator program. The school is recruiting students who are interested in receiving a master's of art degree in teaching with license, or a master's of science degree in educational leadership and an administrator certification/

licensure (assistant principal/principal).

The infusion of tribal culture, history, and worldview into the curriculum of the existing master's degree programs will be offered in collaboration with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the Tribal Leadership Forum. The program will be housed in the Oregon Center for Inquiry and Social Innovation on the south campus of the graduate school.

Applicants should fill out an application for the Teacher Education or Educational Leadership program as soon as possible and also should send a current résumé and a one-page statement that describes their qualifications and interest.

The application can be downloaded from the college's Web site at www.lclark.edu and should be returned to the Department of Teacher Education/Educational Leadership, Lewis & Clark College, 0615 SW Palatine Road, Portland, OR 97219.

Students wishing further information on the scholarship and startup dates are encouraged to call Maria Tenorio at 503-768-6164.

NOA Helps with Debt Elimination

2. Mail to NOA with \$175 typing fee for Chapter 7.
3. It will be available in 3-5 days, ready to sign and submit to a bankruptcy court with the \$209 filing fee.

This is the last opportunity to eliminate most of your debts. Please call for a workbook that will help you organize your bills and all the information for debt elimination. This usually only requires a few minutes. Don't put it off because the

bankruptcy laws will change in October!

Contact Arnold Rivers, NOA outreach director, at 541-606-9450 for more information, call NOA at (toll-free) 1-888-462-8973, or visit www.noa4u.net.

For assistance when your workbook is completed, write to Native Outreach Assistance, 545 Willamette, Eugene, OR 97401.

For a free workbook to fill out, write to Completion Services, P.O. Box 11574, Eugene, OR, 97440.