

## TLC Attitudes of Gratitude

by Lynn Whitlow

Spring is definitely on its way, or so there is a promise of it outside today. Can hardly wait for more sunshine.

I know we need more rain to get the water tables up for summer, but we also need a balance between wet days and bright ones. Of course, we don't always get what we want - just be grateful for **being!**

We are very grateful to the Tribal Council for recognizing the ongoing needs at the TLC. It recently demonstrated its support by providing additional funding. As a result, we have been able to hire a half-time aide.

We are all excited to have Denise Riding In on board in that position. She has been a volunteer at the TLC so she is a natural fit. She brings a wealth of skills and experience to the position. She will work weekend and evening hours.

Additional funds also allow for the purchase of supplies so the TLC does not have to rely on donations. Thank you so much, council members!

Council also approved new and revised policies so that children can live at the TLC with their mothers. We'll share more about mothers and children at the TLC in next month's article.

This month we welcome a new volunteer, Patricia Darcy, to the overnight staff of the TLC. We are really glad to have Auntie Pat join in the service we provide!

We especially want to recognize the hard work of the current residents of the TLC and their support persons/sponsors who help them on their path of recovery. Recovery is not an easy road, especially when you are on the early path. It takes a lot of energy and really hard, focused work to stay clean and sober.

Every month, we continue to be grateful for our faithful volunteers! Thank you, thank you to Jackie Ashley, Elizabeth Kosydar, Jenifer Metcalf, and Alice McCain. You are the greatest!

Much appreciation again to Natural Resources, especially Tristan, for cutting up the two trees that came down over the fence during those **big** windstorms. And we are grateful to you for stacking the wood in the woodshed to dry out for next year!



## Make Plans to Attend Siletz Tribal Youth Conference

The Siletz Tribal Youth Conference has been rescheduled for **March 27-28** at the Silver Creek Falls Conference Center near Salem. The registration process has been reopened to fill slots that have become vacant because of the rescheduling.

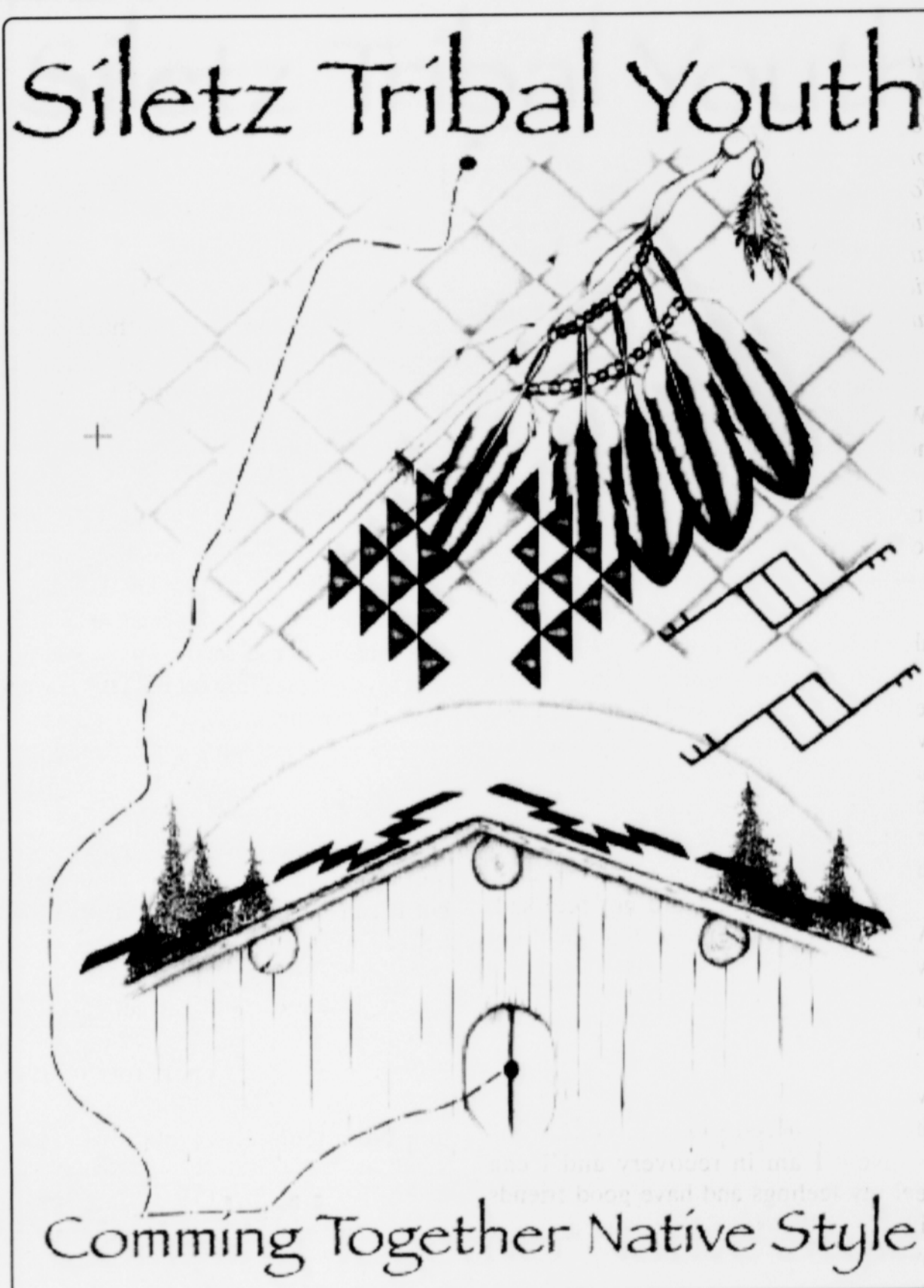
The conference will start the morning of March 27 and will conclude after dinner on March 28. All meals and bedding are provided by Silver Creek Falls. In part because of lodging accommodations, registration is limited to 44 youth.

The conference is designed for youth in seventh through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Staff members from the Culture, Education, and Health programs are organizing and will run the conference. Chaperones from each area will assist youth and conference staff with running the conference.

Youth and their parents are asked to complete a survey as a part of the registration process. The survey questions are a tool to help parents, youth, and staff develop expectations for conference curriculum and experiences. Staff is available in Siletz and each area office to assist youth and parents with the survey.

The curriculum and activities for this year's conference are still under development. Workshops and presentations will take place on tribal culture, history, education options, and resources. There also will be experiential workshops and activities designed to bring youth together and further develop good relationships with each other and with tribal staff.

If you would like to receive a registration packet, please contact your local area office. The contact staff for each area is listed at right.



**Siletz Area Office** - SCHC, 107 SE Swan Ave., Siletz, OR 97380; 541-444-9659 or 1-800-648-0449, ext. 1659; DeAnna Pearl

**Portland Area Office** - 3715 SE 39<sup>th</sup>, Portland, OR 97202; 503-238-1512; Katy Kaady

**Salem Area Office** - 3789 River Road N., Keizer, OR 97303; 503-390-9494; Sonya Moody-Jurado

**Eugene Area Office** - 2468 W 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., Eugene, OR 97402; 541-484-4234; Adrienne Crookes

Please return your application to the tribal office that services your area.

## March USDA Distribution Dates

**Siletz**  
 Wednesday, March 1 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
 Thursday, March 2 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
 Friday, March 3 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
 Friday, March 10 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Salem**  
 Monday, March 13 1:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
 Tuesday, March 14 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
 Wednesday, March 15 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Please keep your scheduled appointments and notice the change to distribution dates this month.

Staff will be attending the annual Western Regional USDA conference, so we need to make the adjustment with our distribution schedule to be sure our clients receive their commodities without interruption or hardships.

We will be available on days not listed above, but please call before you drop in to make sure we are in Siletz or Salem. Thank you for your patience.

Siletz Warehouse - 1-800-922-1399  
 Salem Warehouse - 503-391-5760

Happy meals!



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 541-444-8296 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1296

Visit our Web site at [www.ctsi.nsn.us](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us)

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