

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

To the editor:

Gela' tribal members,

By the time you read this, it will almost be the day of the tribal election. I want to thank those of you who supported me throughout my campaign and who voted for me in this election. I so appreciate your faith and trust in me. Whether I'm elected or not, I feel that I've gained more knowledge by this effort and have made new friends in the process.

Many of you have asked some tough questions of me about the different issues about the tribe. Many have learned about me: how I feel about our children, they're our future and will be our leaders one day; that I care about our elders and would like to see more opportunities where our children and elders could have more gatherings to learn from one another; I believe strongly in our ancient philosophies, where we remember where we come from and the sacrifices our ancestors made, this helps us to be humble, grateful for what we have today and to remember to help one another; that I am a praying woman and that I come from a praying family, generations of prayers have been said for each of us; that I stand up for fairness, equality, justice, against oppression, and to use our voice and the gifts the creator gave each human being; that I remember and still believe in the tribe's first priorities

when we first gained our federal recognition – health, education, employment, and general welfare.

There are still many tribal people with unmet basic needs and I'd like to see our tribe find a way to help these members, no matter where they reside.

We speak about self-sufficiency as a tribe and I believe also it ought to start with each tribal member. We need to help members become self-sufficient before we can become successful as a tribe. We help many organizations now that we are successful with our casino; I believe charity starts at home.

I understand the negotiations and responsibilities we have with our gaming compact, but I believe our members ought to come first. Our government, meaning Tribal Council, has that responsibility. The federal government is constantly cutting our budgets. We cannot rely on them for our basic needs.

We have grown so rapidly as a tribe, we have many successes, and I believe we're possibly suffering growing pains, if you will. Many of our people feel ignored and not validated is what I have learned during this campaign. I would like to see unity brought back to our people!

I would appreciate your support by voting for me in this election.

Ta gah huska sho na schisly
Marita "Selene" Rilatos

Siletz Dee-ni Language Lesson

Basic Sentences

My hand hurts. Shish-la' din-trat.	The salt pass me. Ghii mar'sh-lvsh shghaa~-ash.
Indian foods haa~ you like? Dee-ne srtaa~ huh nan-talh?	The horse fast is running. Ghii lhin'-chu xan' nalh-da.
Bacon and eggs Guu-shu' chaa-ghee-she	I like. nash-talh.
Good for me you have done. (thank you) Shu' 'aa-shi nin-la.	
My mother always is working. Sh-kaa-ga' dii-hii-chu	naa-dvtlh-nvsh.
My brother's eyes are brown. Sh-chee-le naa-ghe	'ee-kay-'vn'-t'e.

Athabaskan Practical Alphabet

a lat (float)	au gau (swan)	ay duu-day (none)	b ch'aa-bay-yu (flower)	ch chvn (stick)
lot	ouch	bite	bow	chair
ch' ch'ee-yash (bird)	d dii (this)	e naa-xe (two)	g gee-lish (willow)	gh ghit-ts'ay (blue jay)
church	dip	hen	goat	ghost
h hvm'-chi' (goodbye)	i lhin' (dog)	k lhuk (fish)	k' k'wvt (upon)	kr' kr'ii-k'i (gravy)
hat	he	kiss	quick	concrete
l lat (float)	lh lha' (one)	m mvn (house)	n nvn (you)	oy moyn-xu (edge of)
low	lh	music	no	boy
p nii-pash (cheeks)	s si-s-xa (ocean)	sh shu' (good)	sr k'aa~-sra (crow)	t tee-ne (road)
pipe	see	shy	shrew	table
tr' tr'aa-ne' (wife)	ts' ts'vn (awl)	u duu (no)	v svlh (hot)	w k'we (over)
trip	gets	due	up	we
x xvsh (us)	y yan' (south)			
"gargle h"	yes			



Help Needed on Cemetery Project

The Cultural & Heritage Committee is working on a cemetery project. It wants to purchase grave markers for the numerous unmarked and unknown graves at the Paul Washington Cemetery. The committee is asking for tribal member input to identify as many graves as possible.

The committee also is asking for tribal member artists to submit artwork

suggestions for the markers. The artwork would have to be very small as the markers would be rather small in dimension. The artwork should be about 5" wide and 10" long.

For more information or to assist in identifying the graves, please contact the Cultural Office at 1-800 922-1399, ext. 1246, or 541-444-8246.

Nuu-wee-ya'

(our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan Language

Open to tribal members of all ages

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
Feb. 28 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
March 6 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
Feb. 6 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
March 13 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
Feb. 5 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
March 12 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
Feb. 1 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
March 5 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tribal members who need help on cultural projects should contact the Siletz Culture Department. We can assist you prior to the language classes.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Culture Department at 541-444-8320 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.