

# TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

To the editor:

I applaud each concerned and attentive tribal member who has challenged Tribal Council to answer for semi-secretly siphoning off approximately \$3,000,000 from casino net revenues to quote "pay for other bills."

All casino net revenues are to be disbursed by a carefully designed percentage formula. This formula was designed and implemented to effectively provide for and safeguard the diverse funding requirements for tribal programs and investments while simultaneously intended to prevent council from financially over-emphasizing any one specific tribal budget.

Apparently, this fact has been lost on council, who revised the net revenue sharing process and expedited NIGA approval. In so doing, council has essentially created a second quasi-economic development fund at the expense of social, educational, and per capita benefits.

Moreover, council has enacted this misappropriation of casino net revenues without the prior knowledge, input, or consent of the membership.

The fact that council would commit these revenues in such a hush-hush expeditious and questionable investment venture raises a flashing red flag.

The \$3,000,000 question: Why didn't council take the obligatory moral high ground and aggressively solicit membership input and consent?

There is a growing consensus among the membership that the answer lies somewhere along the lines that for the past decade, council has become increasingly more secretive, arrogant,

and unresponsive to membership needs and concerns.

Council's collective attitude of late is that they are the parent and the membership is the infantile child. This is symbolic in that this type of pervasive attitude fosters a subtle form of self-righteous contempt, which is evident by the decisions and actions of a number of council. More so, when their decisions immediately impact needs and violate the spirit of members' concerns and desires.

In this particular \$3,000,000 instance, council was acutely aware that an overwhelming majority of tribal members would adamantly oppose such a revenue disbursement scheme and rightfully so, considering that a high number of tribal members live below, at, or minutely above the national poverty line. These include single-parent providers, elderly, handicapped, and students, members who rely almost exclusively on tribal and government social programs.

Council must be cognizant of the fact that few tribal members live in the same tax bracket as they and fund tribal budgets accordingly.

In response, the membership must unite and persuade council to return the \$3,000,000 to be disbursed per the net revenue sharing formula's intent in order to enhance all tribal budgets.

Stand and be counted,  
Alan Kentta



Lip sync combined with pillow talk made a relaxing highlight of the Drama Class performance at the Siletz Valley School Talent Show on June 5. Girls, just wanting to have fun, included (left to right) Karli Jay, Mariah Garza, Natasha Williams, and Shyla Justice. (photos by Laurel Johnson)

## 2007 Hunting and Fishing Tags

The Natural Resources Committee has set and the Tribal Council has approved the following as the schedule and methods for distribution of this year's hunting and fishing tags to tribal members:

Type of Tag	Estimated Number Available	Season Dates	Date to Start Tag Issuance	Method of Issuance
Deer Early Archery	50	8/25-9/23	8/4 at 1 p.m. at General Council mtg	First-Come, First-Served*
Elk Early Archery	25	8/25-9/23	8/4 at 1 p.m. at General Council mtg	First-Come, First-Served*
General Deer Rifle	375	9/29-11/2	8/13	First-Come, First-Served
Antlerless Deer: For conservation purposes, because of the severely declining deer population, these tags will not be issued in 2007.				
1 <sup>st</sup> Season Elk	25	11/10-11/13	Lottery applications due 10/5; drawing 10/15; tags issued 10/16	Lottery
2 <sup>nd</sup> Season Elk	25	11/17-11/23	Lottery applications due 10/5; drawing 10/15; tags issued 10/16	Lottery
Antlerless Elk	49	Various seasons	Lottery applications due 10/5; drawing 10/15; tags issued 10/16	Lottery
Elk Late Archery	25 minus number of first season tags filled	11/24-12/9	10/1	First-Come, First-Served to Waiting List from Early Hunts
Deer Late Archery	50 minus number of first season tags filled	11/17-12/9	10/1	First-Come, First-Served
Salmon	200	10/1-11/30	8/13	First-Come, First-Served

\* No early calls to "save" a tag for someone. Must physically show up to obtain tag. A waiting list will be developed for the late-season hunt if all of the early-season tags are issued.

Questions regarding the above schedule and distribution methods can be directed to Frank Simmons at 541-444-8288 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1288; or Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1232.

### Elders' Council Meeting

July 14, 2007  
Chinook Winds Casino Resort  
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information, please contact Angela Ramirez  
1-800-922-1399, ext. 1225;  
541-444-8225; or  
angelar@ctsi.nsn.us

### Child Care Center Needs Board Members

Résumés are being accepted for the Tenas Illahee Child Care Center Board of Directors positions. There are between one and three positions for various terms.

Deadline for submitting a résumé is 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 8, 2007.

Please submit your résumé to:  
Attn: Tami Miner, Executive Secretary to Tribal Council, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

### CTSI Jobs

CTSI Employment Job Line  
541-444-8296 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1296  
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CTSI is constantly looking for temporary employees to cover vacancy, vacations, maternity leave, and extend sick leave. If you are retired, a homemaker, or a student and are looking for temporary work that can last from two weeks to 12 weeks, please submit a temporary application for the temp pool.

Note: "Open Until Filled" vacancies may close at any time. The tribe's Indian Preference policy will apply. Tribal government will not discriminate in selection because of race, creed, age, sex, color, national origin, physical handicap, marital status, politics, membership or non-membership in an employee organization.