

Opportunities for Schools to Obtain Books, Money

Book Donations to Literacy Programs in Small and Rural Low-Income Communities: The Pathways Within Roads to Reading Initiative donates books to literacy programs in small and rural low-income communities.

501(c)(3) organizations that run school, after-school, summer, community, day-care, and library reading and literacy programs and have an annual operating budget of less than \$95,000 (schools and libraries are exempt from this budget requirement) located in an underserved community with a population of less than 50,000 are eligible to apply.

The maximum award is 200 books appropriate for readers age 0 to young adult. **The deadline to apply is Oct. 15, 2007.** To apply online, visit <http://pwirtr.org/biannual.html>.

Funds for School Improvement Projects Led by Parents: Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant program funds school improvement projects initiated by parents in recognition of the importance of parent involvement in education. The maximum award is \$5,000.

To apply online go to: <http://toolboxforeducation.com>. **The deadline is Oct. 12, 2007.**



Ed Shepard of the Bureau of Land Management presents Delores Pigsley with a plaque recognizing the Siletz Tribe's new land base and responsibilities.

Celebration of Honor in Lincoln City

A Celebration of Honor to recognize the contributions of all veterans will be held in Lincoln City, Ore., on Sept. 28-30.

The Celebration of Honor is designed to cater to veterans and their families with activities for both children and adults held all across the town.

The weekend-long celebration includes the Veterans of Oregon Field of Honor with 500 flags on display at Chinook Winds Casino Resort three days, an outdoor concert at 1 p.m. on Sept. 30, followed by a veteran's memorial ceremony and medal presentation at 2 p.m.

On Sept. 29-30, veterans will receive: free admission to the North Lincoln County Historical Museum, featuring a military display; free popcorn with the price of admission at the historic Bijou Theatre; and free coupon books with approximately \$350 in savings from Tanger Outlet Center. Also at Tanger, the Pendleton Outlet will offer a free drawing to veterans and their spouses for a "Grateful Nation" Pendleton blanket.

On Sept. 29 only, an S.O.S. Breakfast will be served in Lighthouse Square by Henry's Lighthouse Doughnuts between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. (proceeds go to a local veteran's organization).

At the Community Center, a Kids Carnival begins at noon and the Geo Cache Adventure at 2 p.m.

Free kids activities will be happening at the end of SW 51st Street, including games and kite building from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also, the Connie Hansen Garden will have an open house with refreshments and free tours for veterans from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Also on Sept. 29, a beachcombing midday walk along the Pacific will be complete with lunch purchased at the Lincoln City Kiwanis Club's pulled pork barbeque in front of Kenny's IGA North between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

In the evening, there will be a theatrical presentation, *Soldier's Heart - II*, specifically created for veterans (for adults only) at Theatre West beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

More events will be found across Lincoln City, a community that offers a weekend of fun and relaxation to honor our veterans.

For more information, contact Teresa Simmons at 541-996-5815 or e-mail teresas@chinookwindsgaming.com. Updated information can be found at www.oregoncoasttoday.com or by contacting the Lincoln City Visitor & Convention Bureau at 1-800-452-2151 or at www.oregoncoast.org.

Arts and Crafts Sale Coming to Community Center

Tina Lee and Friends are having their second Arts and Crafts Sale from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 29 at the Siletz Tribal Community Center.

The event features many local and Pacific Northwest artists and their exceptional handmade work, including paintings, knives, rattles, drums, blankets, beaded jewelry, and much more.

Storytelling and Native drumming along with artist demos will be featured throughout the day.

Indian tacos, frybread, and beverages also will be available. Everyone is welcome! There is no charge to the public for this event.

For vendor information, contact Tina Lee at 541-270-9050 or e-mail lildragonfly@webtv.net.

Tribe Gains Nearly 3,900 Acres to Help Restore Marbled Murrelet

Thanks to eight years of hard work, topped off by a conservation-minded action from two private forest landowners, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians have taken title to nearly 3,900 acres of Oregon Coast Range forest.

The Siletz Tribe will manage the land in perpetuity with the goal of restoring the marbled murrelet population lost to the 1999 oil spill from the cargo ship *New Carissa*.

In a unique arrangement, limited commercial timber harvest will be allowed in areas of the property without murrelet nesting habitat, when that is consistent with restoration objectives. This will provide revenue for managing the property and paying county property taxes.

Under the federal Oil Pollution Act and a court-approved settlement agreement, \$15.5 million from the U.S. Coast Guard's National Pollution Fund Center was used to purchase the land from the two willing sellers to replace the 262 marbled murrelets lost to the spill. Murrelet habitat on the land will be protected and increased, allowing more murrelet nesting opportunities than are currently available.

The Conservation Fund, a national environmental non-profit, assisted the natural resource trustee agencies in locating the property and negotiated the purchase from Forest Capital Partners, LLC and Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc.

"Restoration work actually started while the ship was still on the beach, but this larger action is the result of an eight-year, multi-partner effort to quantify, define and fund restoration for the lost resources," said Ed Shepard, state director for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Oregon and Washington. BLM is the lead federal trustee for the spill restoration.

"All the trustees are proud to be able to take the next step with this portion of the restoration, and pleased to

have the Siletz Tribe step forward to manage this land for the benefit of marbled murrelets and other natural resources," Shepard said.

The Siletz Tribe will manage the coastal forest parcel under a legally binding conservation easement developed with the natural resource trustees. A long-range management plan will be developed and reviewed by BLM, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Other trustees for this restoration include the U.S. Forest Service and the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians.

In February 1999, the *New Carissa* ran aground on the Oregon Coast near Coos Bay. In the following weeks, the vessel broke apart and discharged more than 70,000 gallons of tar-like fuel oil into the ocean and the surrounding environment.

After a failed first attempt, most of the wrecked ship was towed to sea and intentionally sunk by the U.S. Navy. The stern remains mired in the sand, but a court settlement between the state of Oregon and the responsible parties provided the funds for its removal and work is planned to begin in 2008.

The trustees determined that the oil spill killed or injured 2,465 seabirds, including the 262 marbled murrelets (a species which is federally and state-listed as threatened).

In addition, agency biologists estimate that 672 sanderlings and four to eight western snowy plovers (another threatened species) likely perished. Also, 29,000 public recreation trips were lost or diminished.

Copies of the restoration plan, which details the resources damaged and how they will be restored, are available for download from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office Web site: www.fws.gov/oregonfwo/index.asp