

# TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

## Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

### Introduction to the Athabaskan Language Open to Tribal members of all ages

#### Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center  
April 7 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
May 5 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Salem

Salem Area Office  
April 14 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
May 12 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Portland

Portland Area Office  
April 13 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
May 11 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Eugene

Eugene Area Office  
April 6 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
May 4 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Come and join other members of your community and Tribe in learning to speak one of our ancient languages.

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

## Basketry Gathering Time is Near

The time to gather basket materials is quickly approaching.

Hazel sticks (kvn) generally are ready to pick and peel in the middle of spring. Hazel from areas in and around the Willamette Valley generally are ready a couple of weeks earlier than hazel found near the coast.

Many variables determine the best time to pick hazel. Beginning in April, hazel should be checked to see how easily the bark peels. If hazel is picked too early, the bark won't slip and has to be scraped off. This is labor-intensive and also takes the natural sheen off the sticks.

Hazel is the foundation for most Siletz baskets. When gathering, most people pick a range of sizes, peel them and then grade them for length and diameter. The sticks then are bundled and stored for later use.

Spruce root (xii-wan-tr'e) is the other main material used in our baskets. It can be gathered year-round.

Once an area with spruce trees is found, the roots are dug and rolled up. They then are boiled until the outer layer or membrane will slip off. The roots then are graded and stored for later use.

Gathering these materials is the necessary first step in our basket-making process. Tribal members interested in learning to gather and process these materials can call Bud Lane at the Siletz Culture Department, 800-922-1399, ext. 1320, or 541-444-8320; or e-mail him at budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

Remember, a short window exists for gathering hazel sticks, usually 30 to 40 days depending on weather conditions and other factors.

## Head Start to Hold Raffle

Parents and staff at our four sites are selling raffle tickets through the beginning of May for various items, including beadwork, a Pendleton blanket, pottery, gift baskets and much more. Ticket prices are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Winners will be drawn at a Policy Council meeting in mid-May. All proceeds will go directly to the classrooms.

If you have any questions or would like to purchase tickets, contact Lori Jay Lindstrom or Bonnie Crawford at the administration office in Siletz, 541-444-2532 or 800-922-1399; or contact your local Head Start classroom.

Thank you in advance for your support of the Head Start program.

## Taps Player Needed

Seeking a talented Tribal member to play *Taps* at the Memorial Day Ceremony on May 25, 2009, at 11 a.m. in Siletz.

If interested, please contact Celesta Lee, Tribal Council assistant secretary, at 541-444-8205 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1205.

## General Council Meeting

May 2, 2009 • 1 p.m.

Siletz Tribal Community Center  
Siletz, Oregon

Call to Order

Invocation

Flag Salute

Programs:

Healthy Family Healthy Child

Project

Special Presentation

Tribal Members' Concerns

Chairman's Report

Announcements

Adjourn

## Pow-Wow Committee Vacancies

If interested in applying for the Pow-Wow Committee, please contact the Tribal Council executive secretary at 541-444-8203 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1203.

## Siletz Veterans Office Open Daily

Tony Molina is available for all Siletz Tribal veterans. He is in the Tribal administration building in Siletz from Monday through Friday to help you get all the information you need for your VA benefits.

Additionally, he needs your help to update our veterans' roster, especially for our veterans who are currently serving. You can call Tony at 541-444-8330 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1330.

Siletz News is free to enrolled Siletz Tribal members. For all others, a \$12 annual subscription fee applies. Please make checks payable to CTSI and mail to Siletz News.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Change of address: Tribal members – call the Enrollment Department at 541-444-8258 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1258; all others – call the newspaper office.

## TICC Board Has Vacancies

Résumés are being accepted for the Tenas Illahee Childcare Center Board of Directors. Currently, there are two vacant board positions.

Appointments will be made at the Regular Tribal Council meeting in April. Please submit your résumé to Tribal Council, c/o Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, Oregon 97380-0549.

## Veterans Can Get Help with Employment

John Farrar of the Oregon Employment Department Veterans Outreach Program will be at the Tribal administration building in Siletz to assist any veteran who is looking for employment.

He comes once a month and will see any veteran who wants to drop in or call for an appointment. He is at the administration building every second Thursday of the month from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Farrar's schedule is as follows:

April 9: 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

May 14: 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

June 11: 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you want to make an appointment with Farrar for any of those dates, please call him at 541-265-8891, ext. 333, or just drop in during any of those dates.

If you have any other questions, contact Mark Pullam at 541-444-8221 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1221.

## Most Often Requested Numbers

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians  
800-922-1399

Salem Area Office

503-390-9494

Salem Finance Office

888-870-9051

Portland Area Office

503-238-1512

Eugene Area Office

541-484-4234

Springfield Siletz Tribal Head Start

541-484-4234

Contract Health Services (CHS)

800-628-5720

Siletz Community Health Clinic

800-648-0449

Siletz Alcohol and Drug

800-600-5599

Chinook Winds Casino Resort

888-244-6665

Chemawa Health Clinic

800-452-7823

Bureau of Indian Affairs

800-323-8517

Website

www.ctsi.nsn.us