

# TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

## July Notes from the Healthy Family Healthy Child Project

It is with great pleasure that the Healthy Family Healthy Child Project announces to all that White Bison is returning to Siletz. Actually, White Bison will be in our community three times in July and August. It has been a long time coming, but the important thing is that it's finally going to happen.

Don Coyhis, founder, director and motivating leader of White Bison, will initially come to Siletz in mid-July to spend one day working in a closed-door session

with the Tribal community coalition, CEDARR. For those of you who are not familiar with that acronym, CEDARR stands for Community Efforts Demonstrating the Ability to Rebuild and Restore.

The stated purpose of this first visit is "White Bison will provide a Vision Training to the Coalition members of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz. This training will provide Coalition members with the knowledge, skills and strategies to implement the Community Vision Day.

Coalition members will learn how to facilitate the mind mapping process to create a vision for a healthy community."

One week later, White Bison will return for three days, July 21-23. The community is encouraged to participate in these days, which have the stated purpose of, "White Bison will conduct a training for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz. This training provides tools, builds relationships, addresses intergenerational healing and helps participants create a vision and

strategic plan for their community. The program is based on the teachings of the Elders and emphasizes the traditional role of clans in organizing communities."

Coyhis then will return on Aug. 19 to present the Vision Book to the Siletz community.

The July 21-23 visit should be of particular interest to those who participated in the training hosted by HFHCP at Chinook Winds last December. At that time, it was intended that the return of White Bison be accomplished within 45 days of that event.

Many things interfered with accomplishing that goal, primarily funding on our part and Coyhis's very busy schedule, which included a meeting with the president of the United States, a ceremony at which the Methodist Church formally apologized for its roll in the abuses perpetrated upon Native children during the boarding school era and Coyhis's recent Journey of Forgiveness.

It is hoped that the community will take advantage of this opportunity to learn from Coyhis and the White Bison movement. Everybody is invited to attend the July 21-23 and Aug. 19 events. All will be held at the Siletz Tribal Community Center except for the training on July 21, for which we are looking for an appropriate venue.

For an update of where we might gather on July 21 and for any questions you might have about White Bison, feel free to contact either Bekki Lundy, HFHCP manager at 541-444-8262 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1262; or Mark Kimball, HFHCP specialist, at 541-444-8233 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1233.



**Lincoln County  
Summer Basketball League  
Siletz Valley School  
June 11, 2009**

*Tribal members play on nearly every team in Lincoln County, including on both teams in this game that features Siletz vs. Newport.*



Photos by Natasha Kavanaugh

### 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](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us)

### General Council Meeting

**Aug. 1, 2009  
1 p.m.**

**Siletz Tribal  
Community Center  
Siletz, Oregon**

#### Agenda

Call to Order  
Invocation  
Flag Salute  
Programs:  
2008 Tribal Audit:  
Gregg Gubuan  
Housing - Over-Income Drawing:  
Terry Fisher  
Tribal Members' Concerns  
Chairman's Report  
Announcements  
Adjourn