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State regulations for fishing change on Siletz River

The 2011 Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's statewide fall salmon fishing regulations allow for a lower deadline on the Siletz River. This new deadline will be at Ojalla Bridge on Highway 229 near the Toledo Elks' Toketee Illahee Park.

The Siletz Tribe requested this change in regulation to allow for reduced catch of the declining fall Chinook salmon population.

In past years, Tribal staff have completed surveys across the Siletz basin and have observed that around one-third of the spawning population occurs in the stretch of river from the Mill Park ramp down to Ojalla Bridge. Because the vast majority of fish caught in this area are too dark to keep and catch-and-release likely results in increased stress to the fish, the Tribe supported the closure of this area for fishing in order to protect the declining salmon.

Tribal staff members are working to develop additional fishing opportunities/sites on the Tribal Bull's Bag property.

For more information on access to these sites for fall fishing, contact Kelley Ellis at 541-444-8227 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1227.

Tribal vocational rehabilitation program opens doors

By Andrew Johanson

We have good news – the Siletz Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program (STVRP) is now open.

As a new Tribal program, we are here to serve as an employment resource for disabled Tribal members who have a strong desire to be employed and want to return to the workforce.

This program is grounded in a strength-basis approach to employment readiness. An important part of this program is helping others find their strengths

and build strong foundations for lasting and productive employment.

Similar to other Siletz Tribal programs, we offer services within the 11-county service area to qualifying Tribal members with a documented disability. Some of the services we provide will constitute productive rehabilitation and integration into the workforce. Example services we may provide are:

- Employment Services
- Portfolio Building

- Motivational Counseling
- Addressing and Eliminating Barriers to Employment
- Culturally Relevant Services for Rehabilitation
- Mental, Educational and Physical Health Assessments

As a new program in the Tribal community, we will provide the community with program updates, stories of participant success and other information relevant to employment within the Siletz Tribal community.

Help needed at last Cut Wood for the Elders Day of year

The Tribal Natural Resources Committee and Natural Resources Department will sponsor the last Cut Wood for the Elders Day of the year on Sept. 17.

The woodcut will be held at the log yard at the Tribe's Toledo Mill property off Sturdevant Road in Toledo, Ore. Enter at the log yard entrance (go straight all the way to the end of Sturdevant Road, through the chain-link fence gate and down the hill to the railroad tracks and the wood cutting area).

We need lots of volunteers to help cut, split and deliver firewood for Tribal

Elders. Bring your chainsaws, hydraulic wood splitters, splitting mauls, axes and lots of energy. Lunch, drinks and snacks will be provided.

We will meet at the Tribal administration building in Siletz at 8 a.m. and caravan to the cutting site. For anyone wishing to come later, directions to the cutting site will be posted on the front door of the building.

The goal of this event is to deliver firewood to as many Elders as possible. The Elders Program maintains a list of Elders who burn wood for their winter heat.

People willing to haul firewood to Elders outside of the Siletz area should contact the Elders Program clerk at 800-922-1399, ext. 1261, or 541-444-8261 to be paired up with an Elder in need. We especially need folks who can haul wood to the Eugene, Salem and Portland areas.

Elders in need of firewood also should contact the Elders Program clerk to get their name on the delivery list.

If you have parents or grandparents who burn wood in the winter to stay warm, you need to help out at this event! Come help replenish those wood piles. This will be the last event of the year.

USDA distribution for September; try chop suey recipe

Siletz

Monday	Sept. 5	Labor Day
Tuesday	Sept. 6	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Wednesday	Sept. 7	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Thursday	Sept. 8	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Friday	Sept. 9	All Treaty Day

Salem

Monday	Sept. 19	1:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Sept. 20	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Sept. 21	9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday	Sept. 22	9 – 11 a.m.

As you know, the winning recipe, submitted by Daniel Brown of Siletz, was Pork Chop Suey. We encourage you to

try this recipe, it's very good and pretty easy to make.

Pork Chop Suey

- 3 bone-in pork steaks
- 3 bell peppers (diced)
- 1 head of celery (diced)
- 1 yellow onion (diced)
- 1 medium head green cabbage (chopped)

Cube the steak, bone and all, and brown in large stock pot. Once the meat is brown, add the diced onion, celery and bell peppers. Add salt and pepper as you like it. Cook for about 5 minutes and add the chopped cabbage. Put enough water

over the top to almost see it through the cabbage. Cook for about 20 minutes with a lid on the pan. It's done when the cabbage is cooked down.

Serve it over rice.

We will publish all of the recipes over the next several months. Try them all, they are fantastic.

You can reach us at our Siletz warehouse at 800-922-1399, ext. 1393 or ext. 1279, or you can call direct at 541-444-8393 or 541-444-8279.

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The height of the tower will allow other cell phone carriers the option of co-locating their antennas on the tower and it should be available for the location of other community-related equipment, such as that of the Siletz Valley Fire District.

The cell phone tower is just one of many investments the Tribe has made in the community. Other examples include funding for Siletz Valley Schools, the Siletz Public Library and the Siletz Valley Fire District; building the Tillicum Fitness Center, the gymnasium and the new Siletz Community Health Clinic; and providing water tanks and street and sidewalk improvements in the city of Siletz.

CTSI Jobs

Tribal employment information is available at ctsi.nsn.us.

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.

CTSI constantly is looking for temporary employees to cover vacancy, vacations, maternity leave and extended 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.