



Photos by Natasha Kavanaugh

Pat and Mike Darcy (above) take a look at the ribbon shirts in Dee-Ne Gifts at the opening in August. Lisa Norton (right) gives change to Gabriella Irene Worden, who made the first purchase at the new store.



'Dee-Ne Gifts is attempting to provide an avenue for individual Tribal members to sell their goods, in addition to what we offer,' says Retasket

Dee-Ne Gifts grand opening set for Sept. 18

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The two women always knew they wanted to do something big, they just never knew what. In discovering each other's many hidden talents, a sort of master of all trades, their passion and dream was clear – Dee-Ne Gifts.

Siletz Tribal member Tina Retasket now owns this small business in Siletz.

Dee-Ne Gifts, LLC loosely translates in Athabaskan as "gifts of the people."

Right beside Retasket is her sister, Margo Hudson, who volunteers her time to the business. A grand opening has been set for Sept. 18 from 1-3 p.m. in coordination with Siletz Massage, which is upstairs in the same building.

On Aug. 12, not only was the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow kicking off, an open house was held at Dee-Ne Gifts. Along with Retasket and Hudson were many

friends and family when they opened the doors to the community. Although an actual grand opening is set for this month, "We're getting the doors open for pow-wow and letting people know we are here," said Hudson in August.

Dan Lundy gave an opening prayer.

"With these blessings, good things are sure to come," said Hudson.

Some concerns had been brought to their attention about the building's impact on a lot of lives – abuse and addiction were named, but many of those lives now have turned around.

This is a place set up for others to come to, "not just for us, for the community," said Hudson.

Every item offered is traditional and hand-made, not manufactured. Many of them are on consignment and offered

on a "Native American side" and on a "contemporary side."

Some of the diverse merchandise at this new local business includes Umpqua food products, organic soaps, aprons, custom-made ribbon shirts, an assortment of books and CDs, Siletz Tribal Smokehouse products, beaded ornaments, shawls, jingle dresses and several options for creating your own regalia.

Future plans include a kid's corner where children can create their own work of art, healthy food and drink choices and eventually classes for others to learn to make regalia.

Dee-Ne Gifts, LLC is located at 146 S Gaither St. in Siletz. Business hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more about consignments or additional information, call 541-444-2144.

Enter STEP 2012 Calendar Contest

Calling all Siletz Tribal youth artists!

Are you interested in seeing your artwork in a calendar next year? Find your grade and topic in the list online and create a colorful picture about that topic. Send it to us after you fill out the entry form and enter for a chance to win a \$100 gift card.

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nsn.us with any questions or to receive a full rule list by mail or e-mail.

All Siletz Tribal youth old enough to create artwork through seniors in high school can participate. Enter the topic based on the grade the child will be in this fall. If no entries are received for a particular grade, entries will be chosen from the younger children's work as appropriate.

Art must be 11" wide x 8.5" tall.

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2012 TRIBAL ELECTION INFORMATION

New Signature Card

The Siletz Tribal Council has approved a new signature card along with revisions to the Election Ordinance regarding the process of verifying the new signature cards. The significant change includes new verification options that can reduce the involvement of the Enrollment Department in the signature verification process.

The new verification process provides Tribal members the opportunity to have their signature notarized or provide a copy of current identification with name, address and signature to verify the signature card. If neither of those options is available, the Enrollment Department still will assist in verifying signatures with documentation on file.

The new signature cards will be mailed to all Tribal members age 18 and older in mid-September. With the election only five months away, it is very important that the new signature card be returned as soon as possible.

The revised Election Ordinance is available online at ctsi.nsn.us; select Government Operations then Tribal Ordinances. A new signature card is posted on the Election Board website under "Members Only."

If you have any questions, please contact Kelley Ellis at 800-922-1399 ext. 1227 or 541-444-8227; or kelleye@ctsi.nsn.us.