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Photo by Natasha Kavanaugh

Participants complete the 17th annual Run to the Rogue, a 234-mile journey that commemorates the removal of Siletz Tribal ancestors from their homeland in the Rogue River area. The route follows the same one used by the ancestors who were forced to march north to the Coast Reservation in the mid-1800s.



Courtesy photo by Debbie Williams

Elouise Case is one of several people who addressed the crowd of participants and volunteers at the end of the run.



Photo by Diane Rodriguez

Siletz Royalty (from left) Jr. Miss Siletz Clarinda Black, Little Miss Siletz Jocelyn Hernandez and Miss Siletz Jennifer Easter join Ed Ben and Alan Fish in front of the AVTT Traveling Wall and Cost of Freedom Tribute display on Sept. 23. This display at Chinook Winds Casino Resort was one of a number of citywide activities that took place during Celebration of Honor weekend Lincoln City, Ore.

See more photos
from the 17th annual
Run to the Rogue
on pages 13-20.

Tribe receives grant to address issues of sexual and domestic violence

Culturally appropriate services will help with historical trauma

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking committed against American Indian women and girls.

The three-year, \$419,325 grant will allow for two program specialists to provide culturally appropriate services for Tribal members in Lincoln County who

are victims of these types of violence and help them with access to crisis intervention, access to counseling by trained advocates and/or staff and access to peer support groups.

The program also will:

- Develop policies to create an effective response to crimes of violence against Indian women and create a coordinated domestic violence community response team and a sexual assault response team
- Forge partnerships with local community programs with established

expertise in dealing with victims of sexual and domestic violence

- Provide information to the Tribal community to promote greater awareness of domestic violence and to end the silence around issues of this type of violence

"This program will allow us to develop an environment in which the Tribal community, the larger community and the existing resources in the surrounding area can all be brought together in a mutually supportive way to help reduce, if not eradicate, these problems and the

terrible effects they have on victims and family members where they occur," said Bonnie Petersen, assistant general manager of the Siletz Tribe.

Petersen points out that a number of published reports indicate that American Indian women are twice as likely to experience a rape/sexual assault (5 per 1,000 persons age 12 or older) compared to all races (2 per 1,000). This is caused, at least in part, by more than 200 years of historical and generational trauma that has resulted in disproportionately high rates of dysfunction for Tribal individuals, families and communities.