

To the editor:

On Sept. 16 and Oct. 21, 2011, and Feb. 4, 2012, the Siletz Tribal Council passed three resolutions making changes to the Tribal Plan of Operations. As a result, the Plan of Operations (Tribal Code 2.001) increased from 60 pages to 81 pages. Thirty-eight sections of the former plan (last amended in 2005) were re-written and re-named, and seven new sections were added. One major change was the removal of the Tribe's adoption of the federal Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act. Tribal Council removed the original section that read: "In essence, the Freedom of Information Act opens the business of government to public review and the Privacy Act establishes safeguards for the protection of records the government collects and keeps on individual persons." Tribal Council went on to delete: "It is the policy of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians to adhere to the provisions of the aforementioned legislation ..."

Another change is to the Conduct Policy (new section 2.055). This section used to read: "All Tribal employees, Tribal council members and Tribal officials, volunteers and contract employees ... shall be referred to as "employees" and shall adhere to this Conduct Policy ..." It now reads, "All Tribal Employees, Tribal officials, Judges and volunteers ... shall be referred to as "Employees" and shall adhere to this Conduct Policy ..." Tribal Council members and contract employees are no longer considered "employees" of the Tribe, as far as their official conduct is concerned. Added was the sentence: "Tribal Council will follow their Ethics Policy and are not bound by this conduct policy."

A full description of changes made to the Plan of Operations is not possible in a single article. For now, it's important to remember that all of these rule changes are regulated by the Tribal Administrative Procedures Ordinance. Section 2.703 of this law is titled, "Public Notice and Comment on Rules." One month before the effective date of changes to Tribal procedural rules, Tribal government is required to publish the proposed changes in *Siletz News* or a similar publication and allow not less than 14 days for Tribal members to submit comments. The name and contact information of a person Tribal members can send their comments to must be provided at the time the proposed changes are published. Neither Tribal Council nor Tribal management published the changes described here before the three resolutions were passed.

(I earned my bachelor's degree in political science from Portland State University, attended Gonzaga University School of Law and have completed the first year of my master's degree in social work.)

Delores M. Riding In

Dear Tribal members and relatives:

My name is Diana Murray and I send my greetings and appreciation for the assistance my family and I have received from our Tribe.

At a very young age I was separated from my biological parents and would like to learn more about my Tribal ancestry, extended family members and siblings. My mother was Winifred Battise Pacleb, related to Jerry Battise and Lucilla Bensell.

I welcome any correspondence and certainly extend my heartfelt appreciation toward any of you who may be able to send me some information. Thank you.

Mail: Diana Murray, P.O. Box 1864, Sebastopol, CA 95472.

Signed,  
Diana Murray

To the editor:

The Fifth Annual Be Jeweled, a recycled jewelry sale fundraiser for Food Share, was our biggest ever success.

With the outstanding generosity of local donors, excellent community partners, numerous volunteers and over 400 enthusiastic shoppers, we exceeded our highest expectations. The public outpouring of jewelry donations was stunning. We received donations of at least 10,000 items.

This year Lincoln County employees, prompted by Sustainability Manager Mark Saelens, adopted Be Jeweled as a "green" fundraiser, collecting and contributing over 1,000 pieces of jewelry. Employees of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians also cleaned out their jewelry boxes.

We are so grateful to our sponsors – Nye Cottage Beads, the Newport Shilo Inn, News-Times, Diamonds by the Sea, Pirates Plunder and Lincoln County Solid Waste District.

Our thanks to the Newport Chamber, Senior Activity Center, Hair Love, all branches of Oregon Coast Bank, Lincoln City Cultural Center, Quilter's Cottage, Zumba with Heidi, Canyon Way Bookstore and North Lincoln Sanitary, all of which collect jewelry for us throughout the year. Thanks to Facets for their donation of both jewelry and cases for the show.

To the many volunteers who helped in every aspect of Be Jeweled, you are amazing. Your wonderful energy and efficiency pulled Be Jeweled together.

As always, we thank each of you in the media for your constant support and promotion.

Thanks to all for opening your hearts and emptying your jewelry boxes for Food Share.

With boundless gratitude,

Nancy Smith, Food Share of Lincoln County and The Be Jeweled Gems (event coordinators)

## Contract Health Service requires uninsured Tribal children to apply for OHP/Healthy Kids for coverage

Healthy Kids provides no-cost, low-cost and full-cost health coverage options for uninsured Oregon children and teens up to age 19. Coverage lasts for one full year and covers all health needs, including doctor visits, dental care, vision, mental or behavioral health services, prescriptions and more. Children will not be turned away because of pre-existing conditions or be put on a waiting list.

American Indians and Alaska Natives who qualify for the low-cost option do not pay a monthly premium. No family makes too much for Healthy Kids. Even middle-income families can qualify for coverage on a sliding scale. For example, a family of four can earn as much as \$67,200 per year and may qualify for the low-cost option.

Enrollment Guideline Based on Family Size/Income	No-Cost	Low-Cost	Full-Cost
Family of 2	\$0-\$29,568	\$29,568-\$44,280	\$44,280 and up
Family of 3	\$0-\$37,248	\$37,248-\$55,776	\$55,776 and up
Family of 4	\$0-\$44,928	\$44,928-\$67,248	\$67,248 and up
Family of 5	\$0-\$52,608	\$52,608-\$78,780	\$78,780 and up

**Siletz Contract Health Service requires patients to apply for alternate resources when they are provided at no cost to the patient. Healthy Kids is considered an alternate resource.**

If a person does not apply for alternate resources when available, they can be denied Contract Health benefits. A person can apply for Healthy Kids by calling CHS at 800-628-5720 to request an application, go online to [oregonhealthykids.gov](http://oregonhealthykids.gov) and complete the application or call Healthy Kids directly at 877-314-5678 to request an application.

CHS workers can help you complete an application or refer you to the Siletz benefits coordinator.

## Are you a Native American, and interested in a career as a Union Roofer in Portland, OR?



### Are you?

- 18 years of age or older
- High School Diploma or GED
- Social Security Card
- Driver's license
- Some form of personal transportation.
- Good physical and mental conditioning (Roof temperatures can reach +110 degrees during the summertime)
- People who like to hike, bike, and be outdoors make the best candidates
- Adequately read, write, and comprehend English.
- Basic Math skills (adding, subtracting, multiplying, & dividing fractions/decimals)
- All applicants will be accepted but only 10 will be selected through an interview process.

**We will be having an open house soon!  
Great benefits and wages!**

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