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Tim Stuart (second from left), Tiffany Stuart, Tasha Mason, Katerie Whitehead, William Whitehead and Cynthia DePoe-Soulier (behind William) join other dancers during an intertribal at the Restoration Pow-Wow at Chinook Winds Casino Resort on Nov. 17. See additional photos on pages 11-18.

Photo by Natash Kavanaugh

Orthodontic services available soon thanks to one-time funding from IHS

The Siletz Tribe has received one-time funding to provide stop-gap orthodontic services to Siletz CHS-eligible clients. These services are being funded because of the Indian Health Service's recent decision to phase out the Chemawa Orthodontia Program.

The dental staff at the Siletz Community Health Clinic will conduct quarterly screenings until all treatment slots are

filled. A request for proposals has been mailed to every orthodontist in the Tribe's 11-county service area. Depending on bid pricing, we anticipate serving 15-20 clients during the next year.

Although the Tribal Council has not yet approved final program procedures, recommendations for assuring that the most severe cases receive highest priority include:

- Ages 10-17
- C2 or C3 malocclusion
- Anterior and/or posterior crossbite
- Moderate to severe crowding
- Arch length discrepancy

Recommendations to council for eligibility in this orthodontic program include the following:

- No active decay; good gingival health

- No broken dental appointments in the last 12 months
- Strong desire by patient and parent/guardian for treatment
- Excellent oral hygiene
- History of regular dental checkups

Call the Dental Department at the Siletz Clinic to arrange participation in the next orthodontia screening – 541-444-1030 or 800-648-0449.

NCAI welcomes second term for Obama administration following election

2012 election provides historic opportunity for bipartisan leadership on Indian policy

WASHINGTON – The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is hailing the results of the 2012 election, including the re-election of President Barack Obama, as a historic moment for advancing the trust relationship between Tribal nations and the federal government.

NCAI, the nation's leading American Indian and Alaska Native advocacy organization, called for leaders in Indian Country and in the U.S. government to seize this moment and advance the nation-

to-nation relationship between Tribes and the United States.

"NCAI welcomes a second term for President Obama and his administration. Native American policy advancements in his first term set the groundwork for historic opportunities to move Indian Country forward during his second term. We look forward to engaging with the president to achieve even greater things in the next four years," said Jefferson Keel, president of NCAI. Keel also serves as lieutenant governor of the Chickasaw Nation in Oklahoma.

"The opportunity for a historic bipartisan Native policy agenda is very real. Along with our federal partners in Congress and the Obama administra-

tion, Tribal nations are prepared to move forward immediately on legislation that works to free Tribal economies, restore Tribal lands, protect the Indian budget, improve homeland security and disaster response, protect our Native women, boost Tribal energy projects, improve health care services and strengthen educational opportunities for Native people," concluded Keel.

The next step in this process is the White House Tribal Nations Summit, scheduled for Dec. 4-5.

During this fourth summit, Tribal leaders from across the nation will once again convene in Washington, D.C., to discuss key Tribal priorities with high-level members of the Obama administration.

The summit continues to serve as one of the leading forums for direct and substantive dialogue between Tribal leaders and key administration officials.

In addition, the "Lame Duck" session of Congress is a critical moment to have Indian Country's voice heard. NCAI has urged Tribal leaders to make time for meetings to ensure focus on Indian Country's priorities, including:

- The Indian Country budget
- Carcieri fix
- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) reauthorization
- Stafford Act amendments (Tribal emergency response)