

SSP, Voc Rehab holding job fair

The 477 Self-Sufficiency Program is partnering with the Siletz Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program on a job fair that will be held Feb. 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort (4751 Astoria St. NE) in Salem, Ore.

Come meet several employers and learn about training opportunities that are available throughout the Willamette Valley and the coast.

For more information, contact Rachelle Endres at 800-922-1399, ext. 1213, or 541-444-8213.

Self-Sufficiency Program offers construction training

The 477 Self-Sufficiency Program has received a grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation through the Bureau of Labor and Industries to fund a training program focusing on highway and bridge construction.

The 477 program will partner with Northwest College of Construction to provide the training.

The Northwest College of Construction, located in Portland, Ore., currently offers 10 different apprenticeship programs, construction management and safety programs. This five-week training will provide participants with the following skills: employability skills, communication skills, materials handling, construction math/drawing, hand and power tools, floor systems, wall and ceiling framing, roofing systems, and concrete construction and finishing.

Participants also will become certified in first aid/CPR and receive a flagging certification along with a required OSHA 10-hour training. Week four of the training will provide participants the opportunity to train with backhoes and rollers.

This five-week construction training program is scheduled to start Feb. 25 and end March 29.

The training will be five days per week (weekends off) and participants must be willing to attend the full training, which will take place at Grand Ronde Tribal facilities. The Grand Ronde Tribe received the same grant and the location is centralized to all Siletz Tribal offices.

The 477 program will provide for the housing needs of those participants traveling long distances as well as per diem for food. The program may be able to provide transportation assistance or training stipends to participants as well.

Once participants complete the training, they will be ready to enter the construction field this spring and summer. The training also will put participants on the fast track to enter into the apprenticeship programs offered by the college.

No high school diploma or GED is required to complete this training. A screening process will evaluate reading comprehension and math prior to enrollment in the training program.

You do not need to be a current client of the 477 program to participate.

For more information, please contact Kurtis Barker, 477 Self-Sufficiency Program director, at 800-922-1399, ext. 1247, or 541-444-8247.

We will complete the screening process and select our participants by Feb. 15, so please call as soon as possible to get your name on the list.

New Babies!



Aviana Kasha Bokuro

Aviana Kasha Bokuro was born Dec. 2, 2012, to Jamie and Emmanuel Bokuro.

She weighed 7 pounds, 3.5 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.



Vet rep requests help with project

Tony Molina, Tribal veterans representative, is working on a World War II project. Oregon is in the process of building a WWII memorial in Salem, Ore. Molina has been asked to obtain the names of the Siletz Tribal veterans who were killed in action during WWII. He needs your help to make sure all of the proper names are submitted.

If you have a name for Molina, contact him at 541-444-8330; 800-922-1399, ext. 1330; or tonym@ctsi.nsn.us.

Siletz veterans office open daily

Tony Molina is available for all Siletz Tribal veterans. He is in the Tribal administration building in Siletz on Monday-Friday to help you get information for your VA benefits. Additionally, he needs your help to update our veterans' roster, especially for those currently serving. See right for contact information.

From our veterans representative

By Tony Molina

All of our veterans and families can call me 24/7 at home at 541-444-2828 or on my cell at 541-272-2818. This will help since I'm only in the office part-time. My office number is 541-444-8330 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1330.

I thank all of our veterans for their service to our nation. Thank you!

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said. "We have established an enduring vision for conservation in the 21st century that recognizes all people from all walks of life."

Under Salazar's leadership, Interior has played a keystone role in developing a secure energy future for the United States, both for renewable and conventional energy.

Since 2009, Interior has authorized 34 solar, wind and geothermal energy projects on public lands that total 10,400 megawatts – enough to power more than 3 million homes. Salazar also oversaw a visionary blueprint for solar energy development in the West and established the nation's first program for offshore wind leasing and permitting in America's oceans.

"Today, the largest solar energy projects in the world are under construction on America's public lands in the West and we've issued the first leases for offshore wind in the Atlantic," said Salazar. "I am proud of the renewable energy revolution that we have launched."

Salazar also has undertaken an historic overhaul of Interior's management of oil and gas resources, implementing tough new ethics standards for all employees.

He led Interior's response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and split the

former Minerals Management Service into three independent agencies with clear, independent missions to oversee ocean energy management and revenue collection.

Interior has offered millions of acres offshore in the Gulf of Mexico for safe and responsible exploration and development and is proceeding with cautious exploration of Arctic resources.

Onshore, Interior also has leased millions of acres for oil and gas development over the last four years while protecting special landscapes for hunting, fishing and other uses.

"We have undertaken the most aggressive oil and gas safety and reform agenda in U.S. history, raising the bar on offshore drilling safety, practices and technology and ensuring that energy development is done in the right way and in the right places," said Salazar. "Today, drilling activity in the Gulf is surpassing levels seen before the spill and our nation is on a promising path to energy independence."

Salazar, a fifth-generation Coloradoan, has served his state and the nation for 14 continuous years as Colorado attorney general, U.S. senator and as the 50th secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

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between American Indian and Alaska Native governments and the United States government during the first term of the Obama administration.

Tasked with reinvigorating the government's trust relationship with Tribes, Secretary Salazar lifted the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the assistant secretary of Indian Affairs to new levels of visibility and accountability, and made a personal commitment to that effort. As a true partner and friend at the table with Tribes, he brought a clear determined focus to close dark chapters of the past and usher in a new era of Tribal relations.

Salazar's leadership was crucial in settling historic trust cases, supporting and implementing landmark legislation, improving consultation with Tribal governments and communities, and working with Tribes to protect our land, cultures and resources.

Most importantly, Salazar's enduring legacy will be his stewardship of the annual White House Tribal Nations Summit, which the secretary convened, and in December 2012 was held for a fourth straight year.

During these annual events, it was clear that his words and his intentions

were centered in a deep respect for the constitutional relationship between our nations and a responsibility to uphold it. This level of engagement, with members of the Cabinet and the president of the United States directly working with Tribal nations, is an example of the most fundamental responsibility of governments worldwide to consult and work together with indigenous peoples and governments. Secretary Salazar's commitment to these efforts should not be overlooked in that context.

While his leadership and presence will be missed, NCAI will work with Tribal governments and citizens to communicate Tribal priorities to the federal government during his transition from his position.

NCAI looks forward to working with the president and Congress to ensure a qualified secretary of the Interior is appointed, who from day one will carry on the work of Secretary Salazar and include Tribal nations as central stakeholders and governments in conserving and managing our natural resources and lands that are so vital not only to the first Americans, but all Americans."