

Clevenger named coordinator of new family focused Home Visiting Program

Patrice A. Clevenger has been hired as the Home Visiting Program coordinator (Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting Grant Program, also known as MIECHV).

This position is in the Tribal Education Department. Clevenger's office is located in the Tribal administration building.

"I am excited about this new program, which is intended to help families feel more empowered and more successful. Our goal is to assess the strengths and weaknesses of families, to improve the coordination of existing programs for families and to identify a home visiting plan to improve outcomes for families," said Clevenger. "Our program will look at pregnant women, expectant fathers, parents and primary caregivers of children birth to kindergarten entry identified through our needs assessment, which is just beginning."

Clevenger comes to the Tribe from Providence Portland and The Swindells Child Resource Center at the Coast, where she served as community resource specialist. She also served as the coordinator of Lincoln County's Community Connection Network through Oregon Health & Science University and the Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Needs.

Clevenger obtained her B.A. from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and an M.A. from Fresno Pacific University in Fresno, Calif., in administrative services.

She began her professional career by teaching hearing-impaired children age 18 months through 5 years and later taught learning disabled, hearing impaired as well as third-, fourth- and fifth-grade children. After obtaining her administrative services credential, she served as an

assistant principal and principal for more than 15 years.

New program has 5-year grant

The Tribe's Home Visiting Program is on a five-year grant cycle. At the end, Clevenger hopes to be able to show:

- Improvements in maternal and pre-natal health, infant health and child health and development
- Increased school readiness
- Reductions in the incidence of child maltreatment
- Improved parenting related to child development outcomes
- Improved family socio-economic status
- Greater coordination of referrals to community resources and supports
- Reductions in crime and domestic violence

"There are so many wonderful programs already working toward these goals. We will continue to work together to make life better for our children and their families," said Clevenger. "I look forward to working with all of you and thank you all for your welcomes and kindness as I learn the ropes and the culture here at Siletz. It's been a wonderful beginning."

The move to Oregon in 2005

In 2005, Clevenger moved with her family from Visalia, Calif., to Lincoln



Photo by Natasha Kavanaugh

Patrice A. Clevenger

City, Ore., to be closer to their older children who resided in Salem.

Clevenger is married to Scott Clevenger and they have four children – Dustin and his wife Shanyn Clevenger from Salem; Derek Clevenger, who currently resides in the Middle East and serves as a body guard at an embassy while serving concurrently in the Army National Guard as a medic; Savannah Clevenger, who attends college in McMinnville and resides in Jefferson, Ore.; and Hannah Clevenger, who lives in Monmouth and attends Western Oregon University, studying criminal justice and psychology.

Clevenger loves living on the Oregon Coast. It's never too hot, she says, in fact the weather is near perfect except for all the rain. But even the rain has become welcome.

Notice to Tribal Members

Name Change - West Coast Bank Merger with Columbia State Bank

Effective April 1, 2013, the bank the Tribe uses, West Coast Bank, has changed its name to Columbia State Bank.

Columbia State Bank will not make any change to our existing banking services, including cashing checks, which you may have with West Coast Bank.

For more information or any questions about the notice, please contact Siletz Tribal Administrative Manager Sharon Edenfield at 541-444-8202 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1202; or by e-mail at sharone@ctsi.nsn.us. You also can contact Columbia State Bank Branch Manager Julie Hanrahan at 541-574-1131.

STBC offers registration to Trading at the River conference for Native business owners

The Siletz Tribal Business Corporation is pleased to announce the availability of four full registrations to the 2013 Trading at the River conference at The Mill Casino (North Bend-Coos Bay, Ore.) on April 17-19 on a first-come, first-served basis for Siletz Tribal members.

Event coordinator ONABEN (onaben.org) describes Trading at the River as "the premier event in the Pacific Northwest for Native entrepreneurs and Tribal business development. We bring together Native-owned businesses, social entrepreneurs and leaders in Native American business development initiatives in a continued effort to grow the economies of Indian Country and strengthen cultures and communities."

Please call Michael Phillips at 541-994-2142 or 877-564-7298; or e-mail him at mphillips@stbcorp.net to claim a registration.

General Council Meeting

May 4, 2013 • 1 p.m.

Siletz Tribal Community Center
Siletz, Oregon

Call to Order
Invocation
Flag Salute
Roll Call
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes

Programs:
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Announcements

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Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow

Vendor Applications

Vendor applications are now available for the 2013 Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow. The deadline is June 3.

You can get an application online at ctsi.nsn.us or pick one up at the Siletz Tribal Community Center, Tribal administration building in Siletz and the Tribal area offices in Portland, Salem and Eugene.

For more information, contact Buddy Lane at 800-922-1399, ext. 1230, or 541-444-8230; or by e-mail at buddyl@ctsi.nsn.us.

Royalty Applications

Applications are now available for Siletz Tribal Royalty for 2013-2014. The deadline is June 7.

To request an application for Miss Siletz (ages 18-24), Junior Miss Siletz (ages 13-17) or Little Miss Siletz (ages 7-12), contact Buddy Lane at 800-922-1399, ext. 1230, or 541-444-8230; or by e-mail at buddyl@ctsi.nsn.us.

You also can find applications online at ctsi.nsn.us or pick one up at the Tribal Community Center, Tribal administration building in Siletz and the Tribal area offices in Portland, Salem and Eugene.

Time to gather materials for baskets

Spring is almost here and very soon hazel sticks will be ready to pick and peel.

Hazel stick gathering is a must for anyone interested in making traditional Siletz baskets. Spruce root can be dug all year round and is used for the weavers or weft of Siletz baskets.

Bear grass and maidenhair fern are used for overlay to make our traditional designs or marks in our baskets and both are picked in late summer.

Tribal members interested in gathering can call Bud Lane at 800-922-1399, ext. 1320, or 541-444-8320, or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us. Just a reminder – basket materials must be gathered in a timely fashion.

Here is a general breakdown of gathering times for different materials:

May

Hazel, willow and fir sticks; spruce roots

June

Hazel, willow and fir sticks (until mid-June); spruce roots

July

Fir sticks, spruce roots, bear grass, maidenhair fern

August

Fir sticks, spruce roots, bear grass, maidenhair fern, hazel sticks (limited), willow sticks

September

Bear grass, maidenhair fern, woodwardia fern, spruce roots

For information about **Agent Orange**, possible health-related problems and VA benefits:

Toll-free Helpline
800-749-8387, press 3

publichealth.va.gov/xposures/agentorange/