

Larrabee leaves STBC, stays in Indian Country by moving to ONABEN

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Stephen Larrabee, director of the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation in 2011-2012, is the new development manager for ONABEN (Oregon Native American Business and Entrepreneurial Network) in Portland, Ore.

“I decided to take the position with ONABEN based on my desire to relocate my family to the Portland area,” said Larrabee. “Though we love the Oregon Coast and Lincoln City, I felt that the Portland area would provide better opportunities for my two young children and this remains my main priority.”

He first came to STBC in 2010 as the development manager. Although this job, like most jobs, included several different responsibilities, Larrabee said his “overriding goal was to create wealth and job opportunities for Tribal members.”

A year-end review by the STBC board of directors in late 2010 resulted in a reorganization of STBC and Larrabee was named manager of the organization. Since then, STBC has steadily reduced its expenses.

“I think the biggest accomplishment was getting STBC to the point where it was creating a positive cash flow outside of debt service, where it ended up in my last year,” said Larrabee. “The staff and myself were committed to maximizing revenues, curbing costs and putting systems in place to make the organization as effective as it could be.”

Working for STBC was Larrabee’s introduction to working in Indian Country. It followed several years of working in economic development in various Eastern European countries. He met his wife, Dina, in Uzbekistan. They have two children, Maxim and Ariel.

“I learned an awful lot that I didn’t know working for STBC, mainly about

working in Indian Country, learning about the Tribe and its history and getting to know the stakeholders working in Indian Country,” said Larrabee. “It was a wonderful experience and this will be very useful in my new work as the development manager for ONABEN.”

According to its website (onaben.org), ONABEN is a nonprofit, public benefit corporation created by Northwest Indian Tribes to increase the success of private businesses owned by American Indians.

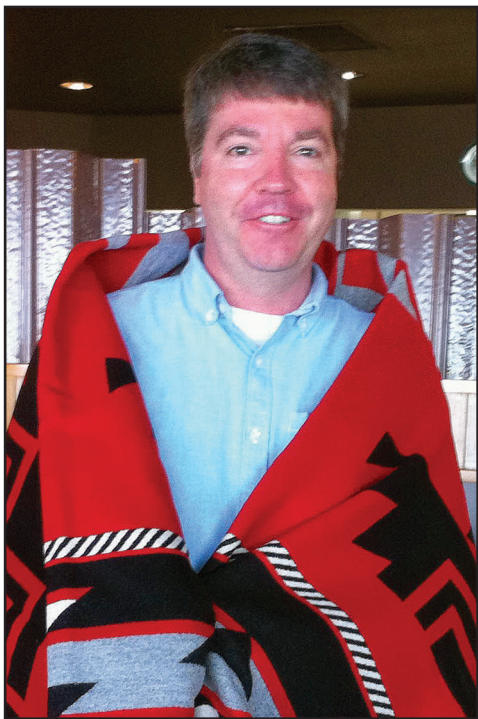
It offers training and support to develop entrepreneurship in Indian communities. Programs are available to any American Indian (regardless of Tribal affiliation), with services provided at local sites.

Larrabee says his job at ONABEN will involve a variety of tasks, including “working to create a vision to expand the services that ONABEN provides, fundraising for the organization and providing technical assistance to entrepreneurs working in Indian Country.”

“I’m very excited about this position since I’ll still be working with Tribes and helping people improve their lives,” Larrabee added.

Overall, the three years at STBC provided a good transition for the next chapter in Larrabee’s professional life.

“I would like to reiterate my appreciation to the Tribe for the opportunity to



Courtesy photo

Stephen Larrabee receives a Pendleton blanket with the Siletz Tribal design on it at a farewell lunch.

work at STBC. It was a wonderful experience,” said Larrabee. “I will really miss working with the wonderful staff that I had and also all the Tribal members that I had the pleasure of working with and getting to know. I wish the Tribe all the best as it moves forward.”

USDA distribution dates for April

Siletz

Monday	April 1	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuesday	April 2	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Wednesday	April 3	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Thursday	April 4	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Friday	April 5	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Salem

Monday	April 15	1:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	April 16	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	April 17	9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

In March, USDA FDP staff attended the Western Region Food Distribution Programs annual conference in Reno, Nev. We attended some workshops and met with USDA government staff.

It appears we are very close to receiving a new frozen meat to go along with the frozen chicken, beef burger, turkey breast and beef roast (we taste-tested pork chops). We also should receive some new products in the fresh produce category. Good things are happening all the time and upgrades to the food package are so good to see.

I tried this recipe in the bread machine. It is fairly easy and pretty tasty.

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BAKED POTATO BREAD

1 1/2 Pound Loaf

- 3/4 cup warm water
- 1/2 cup fat-free sour cream
- 1 tablespoon canola oil -- optional
- 3 tablespoons bacon bits -- fat-free
- 3 cups bread flour
- 1 1/2 tablespoons nonfat dry milk
- 1 1/2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 3 tablespoons potato flakes -- * see note
- 3 tablespoons chives, freeze-dried
- 2 teaspoons yeast -- fast rise
- or-
- 3 teaspoons active dry yeast



Add ingredients according to particular bread machine. Bake using the white or rapid bake cycles.

This dough can be very dry so resist the urge to add water.

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prosecute non-Indian defendants involved in intimate relationships with Native women and who assault these victims on Tribal land. Prior to the enactment of law, federal laws did not authorize Tribal law enforcement or Tribal courts to pursue any form of prosecution or justice against these perpetrators.

The legislation was passed in late February by the 113th Congress. Bipartisan support of the Senate version of the legislation, S.47, and the Tribal provisions led to both chambers casting resounding votes of 286-138 in the House and 78-22 in the Senate.

Statement from the Siletz Tribe on the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act

We praise the efforts of both the House and the Senate to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), including the Tribal provisions broadly supported by Indian Tribes across the country. The bipartisan support of S.47 has restored local Tribal jurisdiction over non-Indians for certain crimes of domestic violence and dating violence committed in Indian Country that will promote the reporting and overall prosecution of these violent personal crimes.

The Siletz Tribe supports VAWA even though through Public Law 280, the state of Oregon has the authority to prosecute non-Native individuals who commit crimes on Siletz Tribal land and the state recognizes protective orders issued by Oregon Tribes. Congress passed PL 280, which transferred law enforcement authority over certain Tribal nations from the federal government to the states, in 1953.

The passage of VAWA does not end our efforts to combat domestic violence issues in Indian Country. We remain dedicated as always to addressing this issue locally and nationally to help all Indian women to be safe from intimate violence. Our Tribal CARE Program provides services to American Indian victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking throughout Lincoln County. This program provides advocacy for victims of violence and continually provides education and training for both our Tribal and non-Tribal communities as well as local agencies that provide services to victims.

Findings show that 34 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native women will be raped in their lifetimes and 39 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native women will be subjected to violence by an intimate partner in their lifetimes.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 46 percent of people living on reservations in 2010 were non-Natives (single race) and 59 percent of American Indian women in 2010 were married to non-Native men (Tjaden, P., & Thoennes, N. (2000). Findings from the National Violence against Women Survey).

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however, went down a similar amount, 3,680 kWh. This reduction saved the Tribe \$320 in just four months as well.

If the savings continue, it will be like taking two more cars off the road each year or the total amount of electricity used in two more homes over an entire year. Other benefits include longer life of bulbs, brighter light to work and play by and less maintenance, which translates into less cost as well.

We hope you enjoy the lights. Look up the next time you are in the buildings!

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