

Canoe naming, launch a success; ceremony at Massacre Rock is next

By Willie Towner

The Port Orford event on May 19 at Tseriadun State Park was a great success. Many thanks to all our relatives from Warm Springs, Grand Ronde, Coquille, Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw, Modoc,

Shasta, Yurok, Karuk, Chetco and Meti' who came to help, honor and bring out our new canoe, Dené Tuth-din. Also, a special thanks to the Siletz Elders and others who attended.

We all plan to meet again this Septem-

ber at the Agness Gathering for canoe racing on the Rogue River. We are planning a special ceremony at Massacre Rock with the sister canoe in memory of the Logan family and other relatives who lost their lives on the river.

Pictured (below right) are the canoe families of Warm Springs, Shwá la N'illi Dené, Coquille and Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw paddling Garrison Lake, the first time for Native canoes on this lake in more than 100 years.

Also pictured (below left) is Skipper of the Dené Tuth-din (Hupa/Tututun/Chetco/Rogue River), Gregg Leno (Tututun/Rogue River/Chetco) and front puller is Earl Huitt (Modoc/Pit River/Rogue River).

I thank you on behalf of all our relatives. Siletz people will be recognized from our positive motivations in the near future. We need more virtuous actions not only to honor our ancestors, but to all people, especially Indian Country. We strive for oneness – no divisions!



State police have free child ID kits

From oregon.gov/osp/mcc

The Oregon State Police Missing Children's Clearinghouse is pleased to provide child identification kits free of charge to the public. The blank kit includes an area for a picture, fingerprints, dental records, physical information and a DNA sample. Parents fill out the kit and keep it in their home.

During the first hours a child is missing, it is vital to have this information available so law enforcement is able to locate the child as soon as possible. Since 1999, the clearinghouse has been able to purchase more than 225,000 ID kits that have been distributed throughout Oregon.

In November 2012, the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund provided a \$5,000 grant for the clearinghouse to purchase child ID kits.

If you would like to have a kit sent to you, please call 503-934-0188 or toll free at 800-282-7155. You also can email your request to child.idkits@state.or.us. The kits are free of charge! The kits also can be ordered in limited quantities for community and service groups, clubs, schools, etc.

For more information, visit oregon.gov/osp/mcc.

Oregon's Western Tribes invite you to attend

Northwest Shells & Cedar Canoes

Champoeg State Heritage Park
(Off U.S. 99W near Newberg, Ore.)

July 20 • Noon to 4 p.m.

Enjoy free cultural activities for the whole family, including a Tribal canoe landing, games, drum making, basketry, weaving and flint knapping demonstrations, traditional American Indian music and more. Fry bread available for purchase. Come join the celebration. \$5 State Parks fee.

Voc Rehab

The Siletz Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program (STVRP) is a program that serves as an employment resource for Tribal members with disabilities who have a strong desire to be employed. This program seeks to help those who are disabled and want to work. STVRP is a strength-based approach to employment readiness. An important part of the vocational rehabilitation program is helping others find their strengths and build strong foundations for lasting and productive employment.

Similar to other programs of the Siletz Tribe, we offer services within the 11-county service area to qualifying Tribal members with a documented disability. Examples of the services we can provide (but are not limited to) include:

- Employment Services
- Portfolio Building and Résumé Writing
- Guidance Counseling
- Job Development
- Job Training
- Job Coaching
- Addressing and Eliminating Barriers to Employment
- Culturally Relevant Services for Rehabilitation
- Mental, Educational and Physical Health Assessments

As a new functioning program in the Tribal community, we will provide updates about the program with a variety of information and success stories. To learn more about the Siletz Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program, please contact STVRP at 503-390-9494. You also can check out our Jobs and Resource board.

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RECRUITMENT FOR STVRP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Siletz Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program is seeking individuals from the community to participate on our Advisory Committee. If you have an interest in working with passionate employees who provide services to individuals with disabilities, please inquire. Are you an educator, social worker, counselor, advisor, state partner or in the medical field? Do you have a disability or a family member with a disability? If so, we'd like you to be a part of our committee.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
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Call For Artists

"Weaving our roots together, binding our traditions, making our people stronger."

The Siletz Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program, in conjunction with The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, The Confederated Tribes of Umatilla, The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and The Klamath Tribes would like to invite interested artists to participate in designing a logo for the

Annual 2013 CANAR Conference

Nov. 3-8, 2013

Hilton Hotel in Portland, Ore.

Your work will be featured on T-shirts, bags, conference materials and seen by Tribes, organizations and businesses throughout the country.

Your participation will be valued and appreciated by many. A monetary prize in the amount of \$100 will be awarded to the winning artist!

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: JULY 31

For more information or questions, please call Angie Butler, 503-390-9494.

Please submit your artwork to:
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