

# Addis represents Tribe, cites history at rest area name change ceremony

By Andrew Johanson

Sherry Addis, Portland Area Office supervisor, spoke on behalf of the Siletz Tribe during the official name change ceremony of an I-5 rest area from the name "Baldock" to "French Prairie" on Sept. 9.

Addis provided an insightful and brief history of the indigenous Kalapuya Tribe and the challenges faced by it and other Tribal people who lived in what we now call Oregon, Washington and California.

"By the 1830s, the Native population had been decimated by disease and other forces. Some experts cite the mortality rate near 95 percent. How would they go on? How would they survive as a people?" Addis asked the crowd. "How would they rebuild?"

The name "French Prairie" was derived from the French-Canadian trappers who settled in that prairie and joined the area's first citizens, the Kalapuya Indians, and the impact of the French Canadian settlers and their Indian wives who farmed the open prairie in the north Willamette Valley.

Oregon Travel Experience and its community partners hosted the special ceremony at the northbound rest stop just south of Wilsonville.

The public was invited to the multi-speaker event that featured the Siletz and Grand Ronde Tribes, ODOT Senior Historian Robert Hadlow, Oregon Travel



Courtesy photo by Andrew Johanson

Sherry Addis talks about the history of the area near Wilsonville, Ore., during a name change ceremony at an I-5 rest area.

Information Council Chair Gwenn Baldwin and Greg Leo, who spoke about the early and contemporary history of the land where the rest stop is located.

The re-naming committee also stated in its proposal, "This name change would benefit the surrounding communities by clearly defining the region through its unique

history, giving a context for tourism promotion and future economic development by anchoring the rest area in the geographic and historical significance of the area."

## USDA distribution dates in October; new guidelines will help more people

### Siletz

Tuesday	Oct. 1	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wednesday	Oct. 2	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursday	Oct. 3	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Friday	Oct. 4	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Monday	Oct. 7	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### Salem

Monday	Oct. 14	1:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Oct. 15	9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Oct. 16	9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

I would like to announce some policy changes implemented by USDA and FNS (Food and Nutrition Service). These changes are something Tribal organizations and other agencies that implement Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) have been fighting for for many years.

In 2009, the FDPIR national board submitted a resolution to USDA/FNS requesting that our program eligibility criteria be brought more in line with the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) guidelines. After several years of consideration and going through red tape, it has finally been approved.

As of Sept. 26, 2013, we will:

- Eliminate the household resource eligibility criterion. This means we do not have to verify money in checking, savings, stocks, bonds, etc.
- Expand the current deductions for medical expenses. If an elderly or disabled household has verifiable out-of-pocket medical expenses greater than \$35 per month, we will be able to deduct that amount from monthly income.

- Establish a deduction for shelter and utility expenses. If you are paying rent and/or utilities out of pocket monthly, we will use a standard deduction of \$350 from total monthly income.
- Add household verification requirements relating to the medical and shelter/utility expense deductions.
- Revise household reporting requirements

This is such great news for many Tribal households that may have been over-income by a small amount previously, if we can take advantage of the \$350 standard deduction for shelter/utility costs. Also, in previous years whenever you received a per capita payment, you would not be eligible for food in that month. With the new policy of eliminating the resource eligibility criterion, clients who receive

per capita payments less than monthly, such as Siletz (annual) and Grand Ronde (quarterly) will no longer have it counted and you will be eligible year-round.

If you or someone you know thinks they may be eligible for food, please refer them to us. If you would like to know the income guideline and other program information, please visit the Tribal website - [ctsi.nsn.us](http://ctsi.nsn.us). We are under the Social Services tab where you can get the application packet and the verification you will need to submit for eligibility.

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Each of these bills is the result of effective outreach from Tribal leadership on key tax issues affecting Tribal self-governance.

Tribal leaders asked members to co-sponsor in the House and encouraged senators to introduce companion bills in the Senate.

Tribes also urged Congress to reject the language similar to the administration's proposal to unfairly limit payment of contract support costs in the Continuing Resolution. If adopted by Congress, the provisions would set back Indian self-determination and self-governance by decades.

These provisions also would undo four recent Supreme Court decisions

confirming the United States' obligation to pay the full amount of contract support costs owed to Indian Tribes by denying Tribes the right to recover damages under the Contract Disputes Act when full CSC payment is not made.

Everyone was in agreement on the importance of protecting Indian land.

"As our ancestors before us, we must rally to the defense of our land," said NCAI President Jefferson Keel. "We must fight for the land rights of all Tribes, including the overturning of Carcieri with the Carcieri fix and the advancement of the Patchak patch. Only together can we protect our lands."

### Tribal veterans' photos needed to complete presentation at Restoration Celebration

Please turn in a photo with the Tribal veteran's information (name, branch of service, years served) for the Restoration Celebration in November. Also, submit contact information for the veteran or person turning in the photo (name, phone, address).

Email photos to [pias@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:pias@ctsi.nsn.us) or mail them to Public Information Department, Siletz Tribe, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549. Contact the Public Information Department at 541-444-8291 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1291, with any questions about the veterans' slide show to be shown at the 36th Restoration Celebration.

Also, don't forget to contact Tony Molina to include your veteran information on the Veterans Memorial - 541-444-8330 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1330; or [tonym@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:tonym@ctsi.nsn.us).