



Photos by Diane Rodriguez

Siletz Tribal Housing Department staff (above) join the parade along with other members of the community.

Eradication March proves huge success as community says no to drugs

By Maria LaFriniere, CEDARR Project Coordinator

The Eradication March was held March 20 in Siletz with more than 80 people attending. Our mission was to get our community involved with CEDARR (Community Efforts Demonstrating the Ability to Rebuild and Restore) and what CEDARR stands for.

The march also was an opportunity for community members to express themselves and how they feel about illegal drug activity, drinking and violence in our community. It allowed for voices to be heard.

We traveled through the community on foot, by car, on motorcycle, even in strollers for the little ones. The atmosphere was very energized and we had a lot of

fun speaking out about matters that are important to us. After the march, we grilled kabobs that many of us helped prepare.

This community event could not have happened without the support of everyone involved.

There were reports from individuals who said it was a very effective event. It brought tears to an elder's eye to see the community speaking out and addressing the need for healing.

One person said they have been a local resident for more than 20 years and the march really shook people up; they saw a huge difference in some residents. Several people suggested a regular event.

We would like to keep the momentum going in the community. Please join us for the community CEDARR Coalition meetings that take place on the second

Thursday of every month from noon to 1 p.m. in the Shell Conference Room at the Siletz Community Health Clinic.

It takes support and input from each and every one of us to address community issues, to live in the solution instead of being part of the problem.

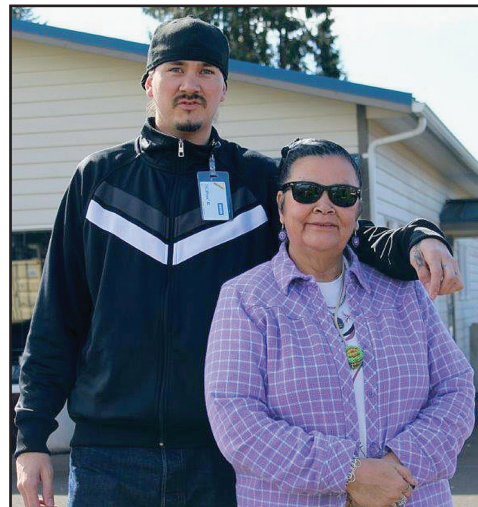
I would like to personally thank everyone who participated and contributed to making this a successful community event. If anyone would like further information, I can be reached at 541-444-8267 or 800-600-5599; or marial@ctsi.nsn.us.

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Community participation was key to the march.



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Rusty Butler and Loraine Butler (above left); Maria LaFriniere (above right)

Kyron Hill and Bob Hunt barbecue kebobs (below left).

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A group of young drummers (left)

Mason Forty, Sebastian Eagle Butler, Bobby Butler and Isaac Butler (below)

