



Garden BBQ Walk Aug. 27, 2014 Siletz Tribal Community Garden Siletz, Oregon

Photos by Diane Rodriguez

Top left: Elouise Case, Sylvia Butler and Shannon Case join other walkers on the trail around the Tillicum Fitness Center and Tenas Illahee Child Care Center.

Above: Danelle Smith, Alice Keene, Samantha Brown and Aiden Brown dish up a healthy dinner.

Left: Mindy Blomstrom gets a hand from Marci Muschamp with carrying the cookware she won at the raffle.

Far left: Liz John sells baked goods to Danelle Smith as Sharla Robinson photographs the exchange. The Elders are raising money to pay for utilities at the garden next year.

USDA distribution dates for October Siletz

Wednesday	Oct. 1	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Thursday	Oct. 2	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Friday	Oct. 3	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Monday	Oct. 6	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuesday	Oct. 7	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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Monday	Oct. 20	1:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Oct. 21	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Oct. 22	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Oct. 23	9 – 11 a.m.

It has been a year since the new policies went into effect, including new policies regarding a standard deduction for shelter, Elders with excess medical expenses and also per capita payments (received less than monthly). With these changes, participation numbers across the country have increased markedly. That is good for Native people all over the country, but not so good for our food suppliers.

USDA FNS (Food and Nutrition Service) did not anticipate such an increase in participation and therefore did not order enough of many products on our shopping lists. There has been a major shortage of frozen chicken products and frozen burgers and roasts.

These products are ordered six months in advance, based on previous year participation numbers. They did try to anticipate a little bit of increase, but by the time they

were ready to increase the orders, the money was gone for food purchases.

Not to worry – by the time this article appears, a new budget year will have begun.

USDA FNS has requested an increased budget from the federal government. Our Food Package Review Team also is working with USDA FNS representatives to try to add pork chops and buffalo to the food offerings by getting a special grant to purchase traditional foods.

USDA has decided to nix the idea of offering an egg substitute. They will instead try to offer whole-shell eggs. I'm not sure how the transportation and delivery of these will go, but I think they will be well-accepted. This means they will offer whole-shell eggs instead of the powdered egg product.

We will see if and when this happens.

On a more positive note, we did have a great spring and summer of fresh produce. Lots of apples of all varieties, oranges, peaches and nectarines, grapes (red and green), corn on the cob, cherries, tomatoes (round and cherry), cucumbers and bell peppers, honeydew melon – the list goes on.

I love this time of year.

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Siletz Tribal Head Start

If you have not sent in an application for your child to attend Siletz Tribal Head Start, it's not too late. Call 541-444-2532 or 800-922-1399 to request that an application be sent to you.

Applications also are available on the Tribal website (ctsi.nsn.us) and at the Siletz, Salem and Portland area offices.

Ninth Annual Native American Homeownership Fair

WHAT: Ninth Annual Native American Housing to Homeownership Fair

WHEN: Oct. 11, 2014, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE: NAYA Family Center, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, Ore.

WHY: The fair is an opportunity for community members to learn about renting and home-buying best practices, meet representatives of organizations that provide rent and homebuyers' assistance and guidance, and learn about financial wellness, gardening, the HUD Section 184 Indian Home Loan program and more. This fair is an opportunity to help our community establish our rightful homes and find affordable ways to maintain a residence.

A free lunch will be available, along with children's activities, cultural enrichment and raffles.

View event details online at <http://nayapdx.org/housingfair>.

Native American Youth and Family Center is the youth-centered, family-driven and Elder-guided cultural hub for American Indian, Alaska Native and First Nations people in Portland.

For 40 years, NAYA has been at the heart of the ninth largest urban Indian community in the United States, sustaining tradition and offering a variety of culturally specific services designed to increase the health, education and assets of our diverse and growing American Indian community.