



Graduates!

Courtesy photo

Kolte Breck receives his Pendleton blanket as he graduates this summer with a bachelor's degree in renewable energy engineering at Oregon Institute of Technology.



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Warmest congratulations to Megan Crookes and Cameron England, who were married Aug. 23, 2014, in Eugene, Ore. Megan is the daughter of Stephen (deceased) and Adrienne Crookes of Eugene. Cameron is the son of Eric and Sharon England of Creswell, Ore. The new Mr. and Mrs. England live in Springfield, Ore., where Cameron works as a computer programmer and Megan is a full-time graduate student at the University of Oregon.



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Congratulations to Sgt. Nolan Urbach! We are so proud of you, son. Love, Mom, Dad and Meagan

For more information about the Siletz Tribe, please visit ctsi.nsn.us.

2015 Tribal Council Application

Application for names to be placed on the 2015 ballot for candidates in the Siletz Tribal Council election

Name: _____ Roll#: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

I understand I must be an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon and 18 years of age or older. This application must be filed with the Election Board by **4 p.m. on Dec. 19, 2014**.

I also understand that if for any reason I decide to withdraw my application for Siletz Tribal Council, I must withdraw in writing by **noon on Dec. 29, 2014**. Otherwise, my name will appear in the Voter's Pamphlet and on the ballot.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail your application to: CTSI Election Board, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

Voter's Pamphlet and Statement

If you would like your candidate's statement and photo to appear in the Voter's Pamphlet, please submit your statement and recent 3x5 photograph of yourself along with your application. Deadline for statements and photos is **Dec. 19, 2014, at 4 p.m.**

Candidate statements must be no longer than 750 words and must not be derogatory or contain personal attacks on any one individual. Statements and photos will appear in the Voter's Pamphlet. Photos will be included on the ballot.

Mail your statement and photo to: CTSI Election Board, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

The candidate is responsible to ensure receipt of application and statement by the deadline. Letters will be sent to all candidates after review and certification by the Election Board.

Candidates can call 800-922-1399, ext. 1256, or 541-444-8256; or email elections@ctsi.nsn.us to confirm receipt of application and candidate's statement.

Election Deadlines

4 p.m.	Dec. 19, 2014	Deadline to file for candidacy
4 p.m.	Dec. 19, 2014	Deadline to submit a photo and/or candidate's statement for inclusion in the Tribal Voter's Pamphlet
4 p.m.	Dec. 26, 2014	Certified Candidates List posted
Week of Dec. 29–Jan. 2, 2015		Absentee ballots mailed out/Voter's Pamphlet
9 a.m.–Noon	Jan. 10, 2015	Candidates Fair – Chinook Winds
4 p.m.	Jan. 30, 2015	Deadline to request a mail-in ballot
10 a.m.–4 p.m.	Feb. 7, 2015	In-person Voting – Tribal Elections, Tribal Community Center, Siletz
4 p.m.	Feb. 7, 2015	Deadline for returning absentee ballots

Salmon Defense continues legacy of Billy Frank Jr. and fishing rights

The recent passing of Billy Frank Jr., one of the most recognizable advocates of American Indian fishing rights, has placed a spotlight on his legacy and the non-profit organization Salmon Defense.

"Salmon Defense was a piece of Billy's vision, it is part of his legacy and today we are strong and committed to aggressively advancing and continuing the work of protecting the salmon that sustain us and the ecosystems that sustain them. Our time is now, we are Billy's salmon warriors, join us," said Fran Wilshusen, executive director of Salmon Defense.

As chairman of the Board of Directors, Frank was instrumental in the mission to "protect and defend Pacific Northwest salmon and salmon habitat." Salmon Defense works to advocate, educate and litigate for the salmon.

Robert Whitener of Squaxin Island will take over the position as chairman of the board. He will continue the efforts to protect the salmon and carry on Frank's vision through Salmon Defense.

"I am both excited and saddened to become the chair of Salmon Defense. I am saddened that our former chair, Billy Frank Jr., left us too soon and that his wisdom and presence will be greatly missed. I am excited that I will be able to continue to work for Salmon Defense," explained Whitener when asked about his transition to chairman. "I believe the work we have done in the past has been effective and see much more work in the future to protect our salmon. I look forward to being part of the future successes for Salmon Defense."

Created in 2003, Salmon Defense was established by the 20 treaty Tribes in Western Washington. The purpose of this non-profit is to solely focus on the livelihood of salmon and its habitat. This is done through the education of young people and increased awareness among the public.

In order to honor Frank, Salmon Defense has built the Billy Frank Jr. Salmon Forever Fund. This fund was created to honor and preserve his vision and his work to protect the salmon.

This trust will provide scholarships for Native students, fund restoration projects and participate in litigation involving salmon.

"I hear Billy say that we have to fight for the salmon. The salmon can't get out of the river, we have to be their voice. I look forward to the leadership of Bobby, so we can fine tune that effort and be more engaged. It is time to step up and be this voice," said Fawn Sharp, president of Quinault Nation.

Frank was a fierce advocate for the salmon and Native fishing rights since 1945 when he was 14, the age he was first arrested for fishing. Frank continued to fight for the salmon through protests, "fish-ins" and support of lawsuits.

In 1974, the Boldt Decision ruled that most American Indian Tribes in the Northwest had the right to catch up to half of the harvestable salmon. Previously, fishing had been confined to Tribal reservations. Even after this ruling, Frank never stopped his fight for the salmon.