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2015 participants Shee-ne DePoe-Aspria (above) and Mike Darcy (right)

Join Siletz Tribal members for annual Run to the Rogue – Siletz to Agness

The community is invited to join Siletz Tribal members and friends on Sept. 9-11 (Friday-Sunday) for the 22nd annual Run to the Rogue.

This event is a 234-mile relay run/walk in memory of the Siletz Tribal ancestors who were forcibly removed from their homeland in Rogue River country in the mid-1800s and marched north to Siletz and the confinements of the Coast Reservation. This annual relay run is the closest today's Tribal members can come to their ancestors' experience on the journey from their homeland.

You can register at 8 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 9, or at any time on the run. The run begins in Siletz on Sept. 9 at 8:30 a.m. at the Tribal Community Center and ends Sunday, Sept. 11, at Oak Flat on the Rogue River. Lunch then will be served at Cougar Lane Lodge, 4219 Agness Road; turn right when leaving Oak Flat onto Agness Road.

Please be aware of the following:

- Volunteers are welcome to run, walk or help out with camp setup, cleanup, cooking and other areas. You do not need a relay team to participate. Individuals are welcome.
- Youth can participate but need a designated adult committed to traveling and camping with the youth.
- Camping sites, meals and runners' support and refreshments are provided along the route.
- An orientation session will be held Sept. 9 at 8 a.m. at the Tribal Community Center in Siletz, when Run to the Rogue T-shirts will be distributed to participants.

For more information, contact Buddy Lane, cultural education director, at 800-922-1399, ext. 1230, or 541-444-8230; or buddyl@ctsi.nsn.us.



Youth Council attends UNITY; Fisher named NW rep

By Savanna Rilatos

The Siletz Tribal Youth Council was honored with the opportunity to attend its third National UNITY Conference, this one held in Oklahoma City.

Seven youth were chosen to attend – from Siletz, Ebyn Jackson, Hunter Noble and myself; from Eugene, Jeidah Dezurney and Lanaya Williams; from Salem, Sarai Gallardo; and from Portland, Terrell Casey. SuSun Fisher from Salem attended as an individual.

The youth landed in Oklahoma City on July 21, explored the town, registered for UNITY and attended a pow-wow at the convention center where the UNITY Conference was held.

The conference officially started on July 22 and the theme that day was social development. The UNITY fire was lit and Youth Council Vice-President Hunter Noble and Co-President SuSun Fisher walked in the Parade of Nations holding our Tribe's flag.

On July 23, the theme was physical development and attendees first participated in a one-mile walk around Oklahoma City. The rest of the day was broken up into sessions and we attended fitness workshops. Some of these included learning men's and women's pow-wow



Five eagle staffs open Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow

Photo by Diane Rodriguez

The Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow is graced with the presence of five eagle staffs during Grand Entry on Aug. 12, something that hasn't happened in a long time according to Tony Molina, Siletz Tribal veterans rep. Following the two war bonnets – Steve Ruben (left) and Ed Ben Jr. – are Wayne Chulik (left), Ronald DePoe Sr., Tom Smith, David West and Nick Hall.