



Babies!

Cylus Donald Srii-naa-ch'ee-yash-'e

Kaniesha Pigsley and Sheldon Thornton want to announce that our son, Cylus Donald Srii-naa-ch'ee-yash-'e, was born July 14, 2016.

Attention Siletz Contract Health-eligible Tribal members!

If you receive Contract Health Services approval to see providers/facilities outside of a Tribal clinic, please be sure to inform them at your visit that you have Contract Health Services as a form of payment.

We have seen a number of patients billed for services from their medical/dental/optical providers because the patient did not inform the office that they have Contract Health Services.

If you have primary insurance (through employment, Medicare, Medicaid, etc.), we would be secondary to the primary insurance.

If you fail to provide this information to your providers and they don't bill us in a timely manner, you could be liable for the charges. Please let your providers know that they can submit claims for payment to:

Siletz Contract Health
P.O. Box 320
Siletz, OR 97380

Champions for Health and a thank you for help with tobacco prevention

By Patti McKinney, Tobacco Prevention and Education Program Coordinator

To Siletz Tribal staff and community: I am humbled and thankful for an opportunity to be a part of something truly special and honored to work with you.

Partners: Jenica Palmer and Curtis Johnson, American Cancer Society; Eric Vinson, Kerri Lopez, Antoinette Aguirre and Ryan Sealy, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board; and Joe Law, Portland Indian Health Service: Sharing resources and information

Brenda Bremner: Thank you for supporting the health and well-being of the Tribe and seeing the vision to support community and family. I am honored to work

with you to help support life's path of family and its meaning with support and care.

Sherry Addis: Tobacco Prevention meetings, agency partner collaboration and development; integration of health and safety for smoke-free, tobacco-free events; and creative design of portable smoke-free event signs.

Andrew Johanson: Provided creative design and wording for portable event signs to protect the health and safety of attendees, including but not limited to elders, youth, infants and community members.

Champions

Zebuli Payne: A strong champion for healthy environments and events

Adrienne Crookes: Incorporated resources and signs for smoke-free events, and involvement on the TPEP board in a welcoming, respectful manner

Cecilia Tolentino: Supported TPEP board and incorporated tobacco prevention resources for the health of the Salem community and office; refreshing ideas and helpful insights to create healthy smoke-free environments

Bev Owen: Supported the TPEP board and provided ideas and guidance that helped shape a successful board. She gave her time and effort.

Marci Muschamp/Debbie Williams: Made time to complete a necessary face-

to-face meeting to successfully meet grant requirements. They gave positive feedback for the needs of grant, which was immensely helpful.

PAO Staff: Sherry, Andulia, Katy, Verdene, Anna, Tamara and Andrew supported TPEP meetings and resources for clients and community.

Community Partners

Diane Rodriguez: Professional, kind and reaching families with critical information and needs

Ruby Moon: For beautifully blending a department into a wonderful mix of skill and talents for providing healthy resources and services for families in the community

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dances, basketball and my personal favorite – women's traditional games.

The day also included a three-on-three tournament, which some of our youth went to watch, and others toured monuments, memorials and museums.

On July 24, the theme was spiritual development. The morning began with a fitness activity and then the UNITY Executive Community kicked off its Violence Against Women Initiative.

Our youth attended workshops about succeeding as an American Indian, American Indian Law and even American Indian rap artists.

All of the attendees running for their region's rep gave speeches on why they want to represent us and one of those running happened to be our own SuSun Fisher. She explained her passion for involvement and service in Indian Country. Then we heard speeches from all of those running for male and female co-presidents of UNITY.

The day also included a talent show, one of our favorite parts of UNITY, where many talented youth performed.

On July 25, the theme was mental development and it was also the day of the big business meeting. SuSun Fisher and Hunter Noble represented our youth council at the business meeting and voted on behalf of us.

We attended a WeRNative workshop, where we were sent on a huge scavenger hunt/challenge to win T-shirts, and a Today's Native Leaders workshop. We then headed back to our hotel to get ready for UNITY'S 40th Anniversary Gala.

As we all arrived in beautiful gowns and dress shirts, Jeidah, Sarai and I were invited to model OXDX Native clothing in the fashion show. We had never modeled before, but it was a fun experience.

J.R. Cook, the founder of UNITY, spoke at the gala and scholarship awards were given out.

We were biting our nails through the whole presentation, wondering if SuSun would be on the executive committee or not and then the moment we had all been waiting for ... "and our Northwest rep ... from Oregon, SuSun Fisher." We all jumped up and down in excitement for our girl.

The co-presidents also were announced – Sarah Scott and Hamilton Seymour, both from Washington.

Over the course of our trip, we heard from inspiring speakers like Billy Mills, the second American Indian to win an Olympic gold medal, and Sherman Alexie, co-producer of *Smoke Signals*, who encouraged us to strengthen our nation and go after our dreams.

We also got to tour Oklahoma City on our off-time, visiting different shops and restaurants. We also received one-day passes to ride the water taxi and toured downtown Oklahoma City through a canal.

Attending the National Unity Conference in Oklahoma City was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our youth council to learn how to be better leaders and better serve our Native people. On behalf of the Siletz Tribal Youth Council, I want to give a big thank you to the Siletz Tribal Council for always supporting us in all aspects, but



Courtesy photo

These students represented the Siletz Tribal Youth Council at the 2016 United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Conference in Oklahoma City in July. Front row (l to r): Ebyn Jackson (Siletz), Terrell Casey (Portland), Jeidah Dezurney (Eugene) and Lanaya Williams (Eugene). Back row (l to r): Savanna Rilatos (Siletz), Sarai Gallardo (Salem) and Hunter Noble (Siletz).

also thank you to all of you in this Tribe for supporting us as well.

Expect big things from us in the year to come, we're ready to change the world.