

## Home Visiting Program

A five-year review was held in Siletz with members of the Tribal Council, program staff, and directors and officials from Washington, D.C., and elsewhere.

At the General Council meeting in February, Jessica Phillips (program coordinator) gave a well-received overview and video of the Home Visiting Program. The program review held March 9 revealed a highly successful program for pregnant mothers.

## Elders Gathering

Tribal elders were welcomed in Florence, Ore., recently by the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw and the Coquille Tribes. More than 400 elders gathered from all over Oregon and shared in a great time.

The Tribes were very generous to the attendees and we appreciated their generosity. We look forward to hosting the Siletz Elders Honor Day on April 4.

## Siletz Clinic

Our Tribal health director recently resigned. Marci Muschamp will be acting in that capacity until the position is filled.

It was announced at the recent Tribal Council meeting that the clinic will have expanded hours and the announcement of the expanded hours would be made soon.

## President's Budget

The president's budget was announced in March, as many of you know. Under this budget, there will be some severe cuts in program dollars that will affect us all. The staff has been asked to provide feedback to the council on exactly what the affect will be.

Below is the report that we received from our lobbyist, Matt Hill. This likely is not the final budget expected to pass, as the House and the Senate will have their own ideas of what spending should be.

### Dept. of Interior: 12 percent (\$1.5 billion) decrease from 2017 CR

- Increases funding for energy development on public lands and offshore
- Supports Tribal sovereignty and self-determination across Indian Country by focusing on core funding and services to support ongoing Tribal government operations. The budget reduces funding for more recent dem-

onstrations projects and initiatives that only serve a few Tribes.

- Budgets responsibly for wildland fire suppression expenses. The budget would directly provide the full 10-year rolling average of suppression expenditures.
- Reduces funding for lower-priority activities, such as new major acquisitions of federal land.
- **Indian Health Service: ???**
- Overall, HHS would receive a 17.9 percent (\$15.1 billion) decrease.
- We don't know exactly how much IHS would receive under this budget, which only states that "In 2018, HHS funds the highest priorities, such as: health services through community health centers, Ryan White HIV/AIDS providers and the Indian Health Service; early care and education; and medical products review and innovation."

During the week of May 22, Oregon will celebrate American Indian Week. The governor will sign the proclamation at the capitol and Tribes will be present to provide information and celebrate.



Delores Pigsley

## STBC has RFPs for office building in Salem

The Siletz Tribal Business Corporation (STBC) is seeking contractors to respond to Request for Proposals for roof replacement and exterior wall repaint for the Salem flex office building in Salem, Ore.

Please visit [stbcorp.net](http://stbcorp.net) or contact Michael Phillips, STBC senior business development officer, at 541-994-2142, 877-564-7298 or [mphillips@stbcorp.net](mailto:mphillips@stbcorp.net) for more information.

## CTSI Jobs

Tribal employment information is available at [ctsi.nsn.us](http://ctsi.nsn.us).

Note: "Open Until Filled" vacancies may close at any time. The Tribe's Indian Preference policy will apply. Tribal government will not discriminate in selection because of race, creed, age, sex, color, national origin, physical handicap, marital status, politics, membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

Opening Date: March 7, 2017  
Closing Date: April 7, 2017  
**Job Title: Central Office Clerk**  
Salary/Wage: \$14.75/hour  
Tribal Level: 15  
Location: Siletz, Ore.  
Classification: Full time, non-exempt  
Job Posting Number: 201715

Siletz News is free to enrolled Siletz Tribal members. For all others, a \$12 annual subscription fee applies. Please make checks payable to CTSI and mail to Siletz News.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Change of address:** Tribal members – contact the Enrollment Department at 541-444-8258; 800-922-1399, ext. 1258; or [enrollment@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:enrollment@ctsi.nsn.us). All others – call the newspaper office.

## Elders Council Meeting

April 8 • 1-4 p.m. • Chinook Winds Casino Resort

Siletz Elder potlucks are held monthly at 6 p.m. on the Monday before the regularly scheduled Elders meeting. Please bring a potluck dish you would like to share.

For more information, contact the Elders Program at 800-922-1399, ext. 1261, or 541-444-8261.

## Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

### Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

#### Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center  
April 3 – 6-8 p.m.  
May 1 – 6-8 p.m.

#### Portland

Portland Area Office  
April 10 – 6-8 p.m.  
May 8 – 6-8 p.m.

#### Eugene

Eugene Area Office  
April 4 – 6-8 p.m.  
May 2 – 6-8 p.m.

#### Salem

Salem Area Office  
April 11 – 6-8 p.m.  
May 9 – 6-8 p.m.

Classes begin with basic instruction and progress over the year. They also are a refresher course for more-advanced students. Come and join other members of your community and Tribe in learning to speak one of our ancient languages.

We also have equipment in the Cultural Department available for use in grinding and drilling shell or pine nuts or other applications. If you need to use the equipment, call the number below to set up an appointment.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Cultural Department at 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or e-mail [budl@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:budl@ctsi.nsn.us).

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