

Jesse Boe: Multiple Tribal programs help him earn degree

By Diane Rodriguez

Graduating from Lane Community College allowed Jesse Boe to fulfill a long-held desire.

“I always had a vision to work for my Tribe. It’s been a goal of mine and I’m honored to work for the Tribe,” he said. “Working for a place you’ve always wanted to work for, it’s fulfilling. I love working here.”

Jesse graduated from a two-year program in 2015 with an associate of applied science degree in computer network operations. That eventually led to his current job as a PC support technician at the Siletz Community Health Clinic.

He is, he said, the person employees contact when odd things happen with their computers, like when their monitor

won’t come on or they’re having trouble with their email.

Jesse used funds from the Adult Vocational Training program to help pay for college and the 477 Self-Sufficiency Program to help pay bills while in college. He also received a laptop computer from the Student Laptop Program.

After growing up in the Eugene area, Jesse and his wife, Naomi, made a big change when they moved to Toledo when Jesse got the job with the Tribe.

Jesse’s mom (Bonnie), brother (James) and children (Isaiah and Uriah) are still in Eugene.

“My whole life was in Eugene. My wife is a student at Oregon State University, so she commutes to Corvallis. She’s wrapping up a construction engineering

management degree,” said Jesse. “It was an adjustment outside of work too, coming to a smaller area.”

Jesse has encouragement for those who may follow a path similar to his and for those who want to make their own path.

“If I can do it, you can do it. Stay positive always, every day,” he said. “Use all resources available – tutoring, financial support from the Tribe or your school. Use programs in school to help you.”

When asked about his future, Jesse had an immediate reply.

“It’s bright, I truly feel that. I get along really well here. The area is growing on me,” he said. “I would still like to get multiple years under my belt here, so I don’t foresee leaving here anytime soon, even if she (Naomi) gets a job in the valley.”



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477 Self-Sufficiency: Employment/training and cash assistance services

The 477 Self-Sufficiency Program (SSP) offers a wide variety of employment/training and cash assistance services for Siletz Tribal members and members of other federally recognized Tribes. The services we provide are for those who reside within the Tribe’s 11-county service area.

For Siletz Tribal members, we offer Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and General Assistance for Single

Adults (GASA) cash grants for those who are low-income. We also offer Non-Needy Care Taker Relative (NNCR) cash assistance for those who care for grandchildren and are over-income.

Are you facing an eviction or utility shut-off? The program offers Emergency Assistance that remains open all year. The program seeks to prevent eviction or utility shut-off, but cannot be used for deposits or move-in costs.

We provide employment/training and education services for members of any federally recognized Tribe. We currently have funding and open slots for Work Experience (WEX), On-the-Job Training (OJT) and Classroom Training (CRT).

The program can assist with basic education assistance, one term of higher education or vocational training services. Funds can be utilized for tuition, fees and/or provide a stipend.

Have you recently gained full-time permanent employment? The program can assist you, if hired within seven business days, with the tools and clothing needed for your new job. Other eligibility criteria apply.

Are you employed and at risk of losing your employment? Contact us to see if you qualify for Diverted Services.

To apply, contact one of our Tribal service specialists located in each Tribal area office.



Ben, Werth, DePoe honored at elders event

Ed Ben, 90 years young, was honored as the oldest Native elder (below left) at the Elders Honor Day co-hosted by the Coquille Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians at The Mill Casino on March 16.

Alice Werth (left) was honored as the oldest Native woman at the same event and William DePoe (below right) was honored as the king of the event.

Ed Ben photo by Gerald Ben

Alice Werth and William DePoe photos courtesy of the Elders Program



STBC has siding paint and repair RFP

The Siletz Tribal Business Corporation is seeking bids for the Lincoln Shores Exterior Siding Paint & Repair RFP2018-03.

Please visit stbcorp.net to download the RFP or contact Michael Phillips at 541-994-2142, 877-564-7298 or mphillips@stbcorp.net for more information.

CTSI Jobs

Tribal employment information is available at 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.

CTSI constantly is looking for temporary employees to cover vacancy, vacations, maternity leave and extended sick leave. If you are looking for temporary work that can last from 2-12 weeks, please submit an application for the temp pool.