

Time Capsule - "Our Vision in 50 years"

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The Cultural Committee would like to do a time capsule project and store it in the new Administrative Building, and be opened in 50 years from the date it was closed. The topic can be, what is your vision of where the Tribe will be in another 50 years. The topic can be anything you would like to write about, or record on cassette tape. We would just like to have as much tribal participation as possible. If you would like to participate in this project, please let Robert Kentta or myself know. You can reach us at 1 (800) 922-1399 Ext. 292 or 294 or our local numbers are 444-4292 or 444-4294.

I was asked to participate in the County Program Time Capsule by the Newport Radio Station and it is located at the Don Davis Park Veteran's Memorial, and it will be opened in another 50 years. Their topic was where will the Tribe be another 50 years and this is what I submitted on tape.

In another 50 years, the Siletz Tribe will be a strong economic and sovereign nation.

Our people were brought here in the early 1850's and have struggled to survive ever since the removal of our homelands to the Siletz Reservation.

Our concept of being thankful for every living thing will still be a way of life. Our

children will still be learning the language of our ancestors and believing in the big picture, our world view. Our cultural traditions of dancing, basketmaking, beading and remembering our identity will still be a way of life. They will continue planning and working on goals and dreams to help the next 7 generations, as this is part of our holistic walk - to honor our elders and guide our youth.

The Siletz Tribe has been through every federal policy that has ever happened to an Indian Nation. We believe someone has paid a price for us and it is our duty to uphold our people with pride and dignity and to carry on the work of those who've been here before.

I am currently the Culture Coordinator for my tribe, we are working very steadfastly on revitalizing one of language stocks, the Athabaskan-Tututni language. "I believe saving a language is saving a people".

We are working very hard at becoming self-sufficient, we are one of 27 tribes who are working under self-governance. We are the second tribe in the Nation to be reinstated by the federal government called - Restoration. In 1976 we made a film, "The People Are Dancing Again" and in another 50 years, "We are dancing still", with every drum beat, every heartbeat. I see my people still dancing with pride and are proud to have the grass roots of our Siletz Nation.

Ta-Ga-Huska-Sho-Na-Shisly

CLINIC STAFF PRESENTS "THE GOOSE AWARD" TO RANDY FISHER

"The Goose Award" was established by the clinic staff earlier this year to recognize the employee with the following characteristics:

- Willingness to help others.
- Helping out as needed without an "it's not my job attitude".
- Treating people kindly and courteously.
- Displaying a strong sense of community.
- Contributions to the overall teamwork effort.

This year, the clinic staff selected Randy Fisher as the recipient of "The Goose Award". We felt Randy best exemplified these characteristics because of his willingness to help out wherever and whenever he can, his contributions to the overall teamwork effort and employee morale, and his contributions to the community through his work young people in sports.

"The Goose Award" recipients will have their name on a plaque next to a picture in the clinic with the following story:

Next fall when you see geese heading south for the winter flying along in a "V" formation, you might be interested in knowing what science has discovered about why they fly that way. It has been learned that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own. (People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier, because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.)

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone, and quickly gets into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front. (If we have as much

sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed the same way we are going.) When the lead goose gets tired, he rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point. (It pays to take turns doing hard jobs - with people or with geese flying south.) The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. (What do we say when we honk from behind?)

Finally, when a goose gets sick, or is wounded by gun shots and falls out, two geese fall out of formation and follow him down to help and protect him. They stay with him until he is either able to fly or until he is dead, and they then launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with the group. (If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other like that.)

January Facts

✓ January was named for the Roman god Janus, the god of doors and gates, who held the first day of the month sacred. Janus is often depicted with two faces, one looking forward and the other backward. This may have led to the practice of taking stock of oneself and making resolutions to change.

✓ Historians believe Numa Pompilius added January and February to the end of the 10-month calendar about 700 B.C., giving January 30 days. In 46 B.C. Julius Caesar added an extra day to the month.

✓ Norsemen called January "Thor" for their god of thunder and storms. Anglo-Saxons referred to it as "Wolfmonth" for the hungry wolves that boldly entered the villages in winter.

✓ January's gemstone is the red garnet. Both the snow-drop, which blooms in the snow, and the carnation are considered the flowers for January.

Get Ready for the Rose Bowl!!!**KICK-OFF CHILI BEAN DIP**

- 1 16-oz can drained kidney beans
- 1 tbsp vinegar
- 1 tsp chili powder
- 3/4 tsp ground cumin
- 1 finely chopped onion
- 1 tbsp chopped parsley

Put beans, vinegar, chili powder and cumin in blender and blend until smooth. Remove from blender. Stir in onion and parsley. Serve with vegetable sticks or tortilla chips.

