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Candidates Discuss Views at Fair

A dozen candidates for local, state, and national offices shared the stage at a Candidate's Fair held at Chinook Winds Casino & Convention Center in April.

As they prepared for the primary election on May 16, several candidates discussed the need to increase school funding and find money for road repairs. Many of them also cited improving the Lincoln County economy and recognizing tribal sovereignty in their presentations.

Individuals who addressed the 40-member audience included Bernice Barnett and Clifford Collard, candidates for Lincoln County district attorney; Gary George, Republican candidate for state senator; Terry Thompson, Democratic candidate for state senator; Lynn Lundquist, Republican candidate for secretary of state; Sharon Branstiter and Alberta Bryant, Democratic candidates for state representative; Alan Brown, Republican candidate for state representative; Jim Davis and Dave Humphrey, candidates for the city council of Lincoln City; Dana Lattin and Thomas Hamilton, candidates for Lincoln County surveyor; and representatives for Lynn Snodgrass, Republican candidate for secretary of state; Brian Boquist, Republican candidate for U.S. Congress; Roger Sprague, candidate for the city council of Lincoln City; and Paul DeMuniz, candidate for Oregon Supreme Court judge.

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and Chinook Winds Casino co-sponsored the event.

Don't miss the results of the Comprehensive Plan survey. Your answers are on pages 14 and 15.



Chairman Dee Pigsley is interviewed by David Okarski from KOIN-TV after the news conference announcing the results of the ECONorthwest study.



Terry Thompson, candidate for state senator, shares his views at the Candidate's Fair.

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Siletz Tribe Has Major Impact on Local Economy

According to a recent study by ECONorthwest, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and Chinook Winds Casino & Convention Center have had a positive impact on the economy of Lincoln County.

ECONorthwest, the Northwest's largest economics consulting firm, focused its study on two areas in 1998: the impact of the Siletz Tribe on Lincoln County and the impact of Chinook Winds Casino on Lincoln City.

Highlights of the report include:

- In 1998, tribal spending supported 1,493 full-time jobs, nearly one of every 11 jobs in Lincoln County.
- Since it opened in 1991, the Siletz Community Health Clinic has treated more than 27,000 patients annually, 57 percent of whom are non-tribal members whose health needs were not being met by local health services.
- In 1998, Chinook Winds spent \$19.6 million in Lincoln County on goods and services.
- In 1998, Chinook Winds attracted more than 475,000 new visitors to Lincoln City. They spent \$9.6 million at city businesses outside of the casino.

"We knew that if given the chance, we could be good partners with the city and the county," said Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley. "These partnerships have gone a long way toward strengthening the local economy. Both Lincoln City and Lincoln County are important to the Siletz Tribe and we intend to continue to do our part to be a positive economic force in this area."

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