

## NOTICES

Murals were added. As you enter the casino, look to the upper left and you will see a group of our ancestors playing the stick game, which was one of our earliest gambling games. Siletz men were known for their gambling expertise.

In our buffet area are two murals that depict a way of life for our early ancestors who were basket makers and gatherers of food. It also shows our men's agility in spearing fish that were later baked on an open fire.

In July 1995, the Tribal Council approved the final external design and preliminary interior layout of the permanent facility, which included floor plans for a child care center and arcade for older children.

On Sept. 22, the official groundbreaking ceremony was held to launch the construction of the permanent facility.

On Sept. 23, the Tribal Council unanimously named Burgess Harmer, former GM of Comstock, as general manager of Chinook Winds. He had, until his appointment as GM, served as principal consultant to Chinook Winds.

Although the site work and preparation began on Oct. 17, the fabrication of the steel was delayed and not delivered to the site until Dec. 27. The project continued to be plagued by inclement weather that seriously impeded construction. PCL, however, reinforced its crews, developed an accelerated time schedule, and planned to wrap the steel in a "cocoon" to protect the crew from the weather.

In December, the interior design of the permanent facility was approved by the Tribal Council whose members were Delores Pigsley, Jessie Davis, Mary A. "Dollie" Fisher, Reggie Butler Sr., Lillie Butler, Rosemary Breon Landis, JoAnn Miller, Mike Darcy, and Bensell Breon Sr.

The new 159,000-square-foot facility, most of which was constructed during the inclement winter months, seemed to take on a life of its own. With construction moving at a breakneck pace, it appeared to literally grow out of the ground.

Everyone held their breath to see if the construction would be completed in time for the advertised opening. Work continued round the clock up until the final moments, when the last few light bulbs were put into place.

The grand opening of the new facility took place on June 28, 1996, amid much fanfare and a feeling of great pride and accomplishment for all those who took part in making the dream a reality.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony complete with sky divers, banners flying behind airplanes across the sky, a full-scale reception with hors d'oeuvres and dignitaries, Tammy Wynette and "The Indian and The White Guy" (Williams & Ree) as the featured entertainment, and television coverage were all part of the long-awaited opening day.

Today, 10 years later, we honor those who were part of creating Chinook Winds.

### Church to Celebrate 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Eighty years ago this September, the Assembly of God Church in Siletz started with about 150 members. Today, it's one of the oldest Assembly of God churches in Oregon and one of its members – Wilma Strong – has been a member for 50 years.

On Sept. 25, 2005, the church plans to hold a communitywide celebration because it has been intertwined with the community for so long. Ceremonies will honor founding members, their families, and previous pastors of this church, and the church will host a barbeque and picnic with games for everyone.

"We'll also move from 'home mission' status to 'general affiliated' status, which means that we're big enough to run ourselves," says the Rev. Vance Lindstrom. This transfer will be conferred by the Rev. Vernon Marks of Salem, Ore., the district superintendent.

In preparation for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Lindstrom is asking anyone with old pictures of the church or its members to call him at 541-444-2564. He would like to borrow them to make copies for the church to keep and then return them to their owners.

Assembly of God churches are part of the Pentecostal branch, along with Four Square and Church of God churches. According to Lindstrom, Pentecostal is the fastest growing religion in the world and within the next five years, should have 3 billion members worldwide.

"In 1925, the meetings were in Toledo and most of the attendees were from Siletz. So the meetings were moved to Siletz," said Lindstrom. "Many people became Christians when this group started."

Several Siletz Tribal families have been involved with the church from the beginning, including the Downeys, Butlers, and Simmons.

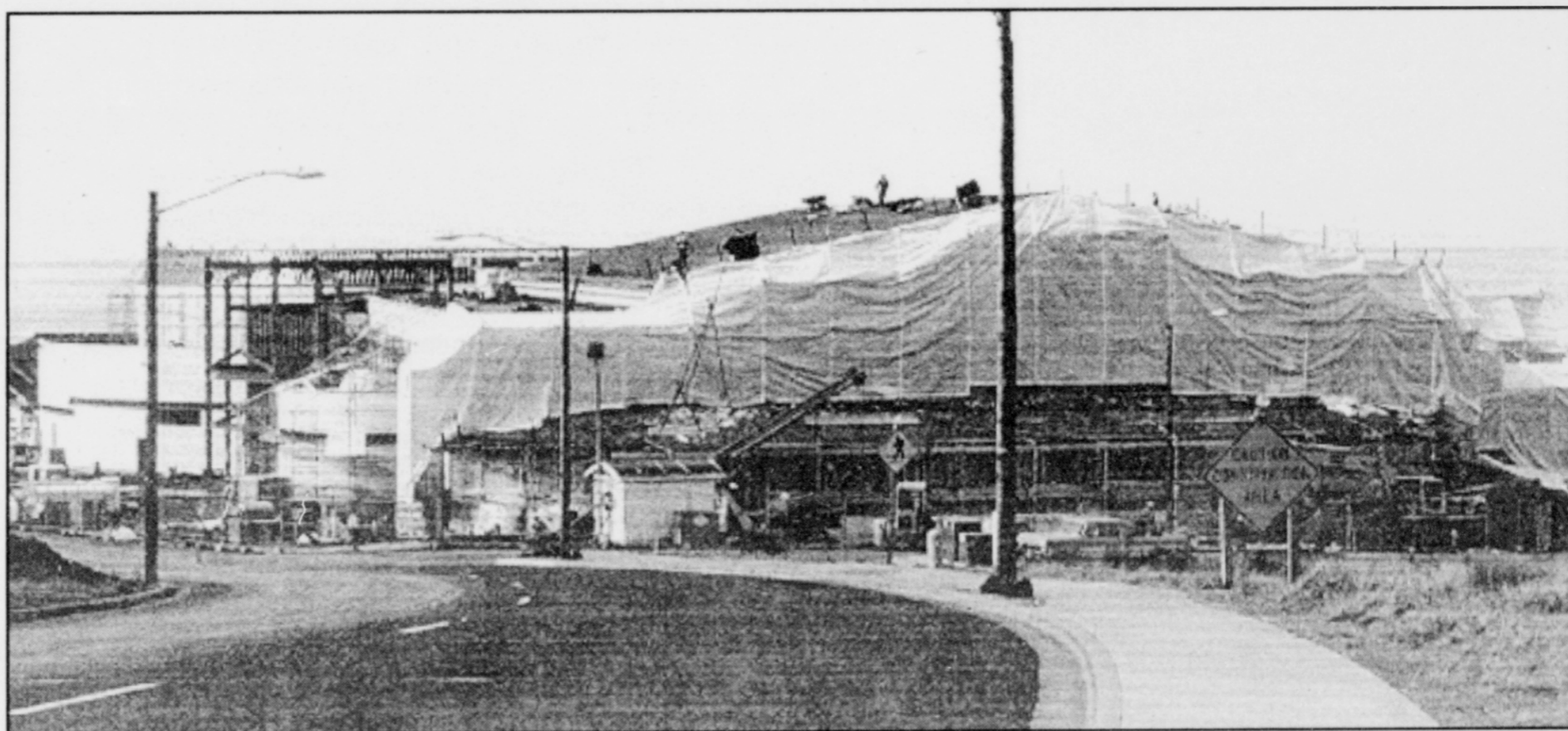
Today's church in Siletz is 75 percent American Indian, said Lindstrom, who came here in September 2001 with his wife, Katie. They have four children – Daniel, Steven, Tim, and Joanna.

The church has received grants from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, the latest of which (in February 2005) helped install new carpeting and a new sound system.

Other grants included funds for the Royal Rangers, a Christian Boy Scouts, says Lindstrom, for a merit camp and a Kid Olympics and for a cultural heritage campout this month.

The Missionettes, the girl's equivalent of the Royal Rangers, participate in many of the same activities as the boys.

The church is located at 164 NE Palmer St. If you have any questions about the church or the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration or would like to volunteer for either, please contact Lindstrom at 541-444-2564.



Construction of the permanent facility (above) and the casino as we know it today (below)

