

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As you will see by reading the following report, the Siletz Tribe was involved in a wide variety of tribal, state, and federal activities and issues during the past month. I would like to touch on a few of them.



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- At the federal level, as part of the Department of the Interior's restructuring, a regional office called the Office of the Special Trustee has been established in Portland, Ore., with Gino Orazi as the BIA fiduciary trust officer. On June 18, he visited Siletz and explained that his new job as regional director is to handle all fiduciary trust transactions that include individual Indian money accounts and probate actions.
- Within Oregon, a committee composed of several citizens from across the state has been formed to make recommendations on improving the state Legislature and the legislative process. Sen. Peter Courtney, president of the senate, requested that I serve on the committee. It's expected to conduct the study within a year, followed by recommendations to be made in 18 months.
- Relative to our tribal economic development efforts, the Tribal Council

approved a land acquisition plan. Planning and data collection was funded by the Administration for Native Americans. The goal, as stated in the plan, is to evaluate land acquisition needs as expansion of the tribe's land base becomes necessary to meet program as well as tribal governmental needs and goals.

- In order for the tribe to apply for, and be eligible to install, lottery terminals at our newly acquired Chinook Winds Golf Resort, a tribal LLC was formed. Bud Lane, Lillie Butler, and I will

serve on the board of directors, but first will be required to undergo background checks and receive approval of the Oregon Lottery Commission. The lounge at the golf club has had lottery terminals for several years.

- At our tribal Memorial Day ceremony, Phil Rilatos, council member, gave an eloquent talk about veteran heroes. I want to thank the Culture Committee, which organized the affair, including the preparation of a delicious lunch.
- Although the Chinook Winds 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration is covered on page 17 in this issue of *Siletz News*, I would like to comment on this event, which was one of the biggest and best ever. Those involved in the earliest days of planning and building the casino were present at a hosted dinner and recognized for their contributions. Ten years ago, Williams & Ree opened the very first show for Tammy Wynette and we appreciate the fact that they returned for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary to open for George Jones. No need to say they were a hit with audiences both nights. In the evening, fireworks lit up the Lincoln City sky, adding excitement to an already great event. We are very proud of Chinook

Winds, the staff, and all the events that take place at our resort.

- During the month, council members met with Richard Doyon and Max Gail on a movie to be made in Manzanita, Ore., about a legend of buried treasure at Neah-Kah-Nie Mountain. Readers may remember Max from the TV show *Barney Miller*. He will appear in the movie, along with Floyd Red Crow Westerman.
- Naydosh dances took place this month at the dance house in Siletz. The dancers, including many children, were absolutely great and very moving. Once again, we need to recognize the efforts of Bud, Cheryl, Robert, Selene, and all the others who not only helped dress the dancers, provide meals, and assist with all the preparations, but also helped keep our Siletz culture alive. I also would like to express special thanks to the Smith River dancers who took part in the ceremony.

The items listed above, which are so different from one another, reflect what the Siletz Tribe is today. We constantly are engaged in a diversity of activities and programs that together make the Siletz Tribe what it is today – a vibrant, living society and culture.

Thanks to Tristen John of Wolf Shadow Workers for putting up the Siletz Youth Center sign.



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Salem Area Office	503-390-9494
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Portland Area Office	503-238-1512
Eugene Area Office	541-484-4234
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Siletz Community Health Clinic	1-800-648-0449
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Chinook Winds Casino Resort	1-888-244-6665
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Web Site	<a href="http://www.ctsi.nsn.us">www.ctsi.nsn.us</a>

### Nu-wee-ya'

(our words)

#### Introduction to the Athabaskan Language

Open to tribal members of all ages

##### Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center

August – no class

Sept. 7 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

##### Salem

Salem Area Office

August – no class

Sept. 13 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

##### Portland

Portland Area Office

August – no class

Sept. 19 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

##### Eugene

Eugene Area Office

August – no class

Sept. 6 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tribal members who need help on cultural projects should contact the Siletz Culture Department. We can assist you prior to the language classes.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Culture Department at 541-444-8320 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or e-mail [budl@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:budl@ctsi.nsn.us).