

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Once again, our annual Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow was a resounding success. With every passing year, our pow-wows seem to get bigger and better, attracting vendors and visitors from far and wide and of course, many dancers in full regalia who lend drama and color to this outstanding event.

Among our visitors was Stan Speaks, Portland regional director of the BIA, who has been a faithful Siletz pow-wow attendee for the past several years.

This year's grand marshal was Van Peters, the Siletz Valley School principal. His selection as grand marshal highlighted how important education is to our tribe.

You will remember that just when our Siletz School was doomed to be closed, it was Van who served as our consultant in establishing our own charter school. He did a superb job, patiently working with the school board and the Tribal Council in planning the curriculum and organizing the school.

In effect, Van helped save our local school. He therefore made a grand grand marshal! We thank him for all the work he has done to further education for our tribe.

WEWIN Conference

In July, Loraine Butler and I had the opportunity to participate in WEWIN, the conference of Women Empowering Women,



Delores Pigsley

a gathering of mostly tribal-elected officials held in Minnesota and sponsored by the Mdewankaton Sioux Tribe.

It was a great workshop that I hope to bring to Siletz at some time in the near future. I was recognized as a long-time tribal leader and honored with a beautiful Pendleton blanket with an Ojibwe design of the Mill Lacs Tribe.

The conference brought to my mind how fortunate we are that women – including Indian women – are able to actively and meaningfully participate in the political life of our country and our respective tribes.

What a contrast this is to many other cultures, where women are not only denied the right to assume political office or to vote, but are even subjected to inhumane treatment. This should make us in this country – men and women alike – not only grateful for what we have, but more mindful of our obligations as citizens.

Tribal Tourism

I participated in a meeting on tribal tourism held in Warm Springs. Because tourism is currently one of the most viable economic resources for all Oregon tribes, we discussed the need to develop new ways of bringing tourists to our area.

A well-prepared brochure has been produced by the Oregon tribes, with a grant through the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, that features each individual Oregon tribe. A fine photo of our own tribal elders, Gladys Bolton and Aggie Pilgrim, is included in the magazine.

Planning for the Future

Regarding our own tribal planning activities, the Siletz Tribal Council has begun the casino strategic planning process for 2006 to go along with the budget process that the casino already has begun.

In closing, I would like to report that our latest planning workshop was on the tribe's Alcohol and Drug Program.

Like other tribes and communities across the country, we are taking very seriously the need to address the issues involving alcohol and drug abuse. Our planning therefore involves not only exploring meaningful treatment, but also effective preventative programs.

We received reports on the Transitional Living Center, the NARA program, and other related services as possible resources for our own tribal Alcohol and Drug Program.



Don't forget to fill out your elk tag/permit drawing form on page 7.

The process is a bit different this year, so please pay extra attention to the instructions printed with the forms.

Time to Gather Basket-Making Materials

Spring is here and very soon hazel sticks will be ready to pick and peel.

Hazel stick gathering is a must for anyone interested in making traditional Siletz baskets. Spruce root can be dug all year round and is used for the weavers or weft of Siletz baskets.

Bear grass and maidenhair fern are used for overlay to make our traditional designs or marks in our baskets and both are picked in late summer.

Any tribal members interested in gathering can call Bud Lane at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1320, or 541-444-8320; or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

Basket materials must be gathered in a timely fashion. Several items still are available for gathering:

September

Bear grass, maidenhair fern, woodwardia fern, spruce roots

CTSI Jobs

CTSI Employment Job Line

541-444-8296 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1296

Visit our Web site at www.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.

Most Often Requested Numbers

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians	1-800-922-1399
Salem Area Office	503-390-9494
Salem Finance Office	1-888-870-9051
Portland Area Office	503-238-1512
Eugene Area Office	541-484-4234
Springfield Siletz Tribal Head Start	541-747-0161
Contract Health Services (CHS)	1-800-628-5720
Siletz Community Health Clinic	1-800-648-0449
Siletz Alcohol and Drug	1-800-600-5599
Chinook Winds Casino Resort	1-888-244-6665
Chemawa Health Clinic	1-800-452-7823
Bureau of Indian Affairs	1-800-323-8517
Web Site	www.ctsi.nsn.us

Nu-wee-ya'

(our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan Language

Open to tribal members of all ages

Siletz
Siletz Tribal Community Center
Sept. 7 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Oct. 11 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Salem
Salem Area Office
Sept. 13 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Oct. 10 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Portland
Portland Area Office
Sept. 19 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Oct. 17 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Eugene
Eugene Area Office
Sept. 6 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Oct. 4 – 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.