

Come to Lincoln City for Dedication of American Indian Historical Marker

A dedication ceremony for the placement of the first roadside historical marker honoring coastal American Indian tribes in Oregon – and describing the great tsunami of 1700 A.D. – is scheduled for Nov. 20 at 2 p.m. at the Schooner Creek Wayside in Lincoln City.

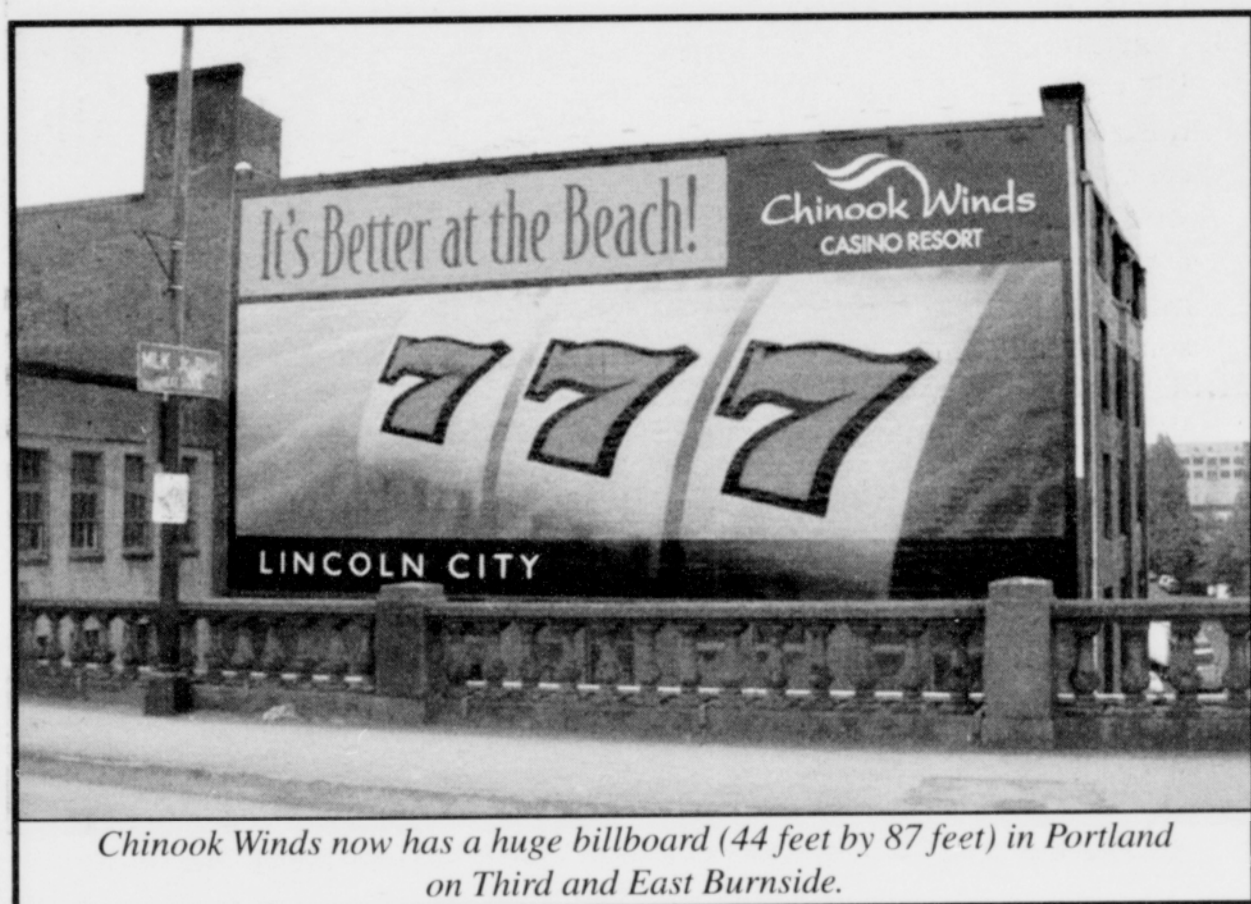
This unique roadside historical marker will tell the story of the great earthquake and tsunami that struck on Jan. 26, 1700, destroying American Indian villages all along the Pacific Northwest coast.

The historical marker will overlook that portion of Siletz Bay where ancestors of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians once had a village that was lost to the events of 305 years ago. Oral traditions have survived from these events and make up part of the

evidence that led scientists to their recognition of the danger posed by the 680-mile long Cascadia Subduction Zone fault

Some of the organizations involved in the placement of the historical marker – and the organization of the dedication ceremony – include the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Chinook Winds Casino Resort, the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, Oregon Emergency Management, the Travel Information Council, and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

More details will be forthcoming in local media, but please mark your calendars so you can join us for the dedication on Nov. 20, 2 p.m., at the Schooner Creek Wayside at the south end of Lincoln City.



Chinook Winds now has a huge billboard (44 feet by 87 feet) in Portland on Third and East Burnside.

KCUP Joins Coast Radio Market

NEWPORT, Ore. – Owner Cheryl Harle kicked off KCUP, a new news/talk radio station, this summer. KCUP can be found at 1230 AM.

KCUP features a three-hour local news/weather/information format with a two-person news team of Shannon O'Neil and Dan Buckout, plus 10 local talk show hosts from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday.

O'Neil has more than 18 years of broadcast and news experience. As the host and anchor of the new KCUP "Lifestyles on the Oregon Coast" program, he helps broadcast news, information, and interviews with local residents each morning.

Buckout is a local resident who is new to the radio industry, but his knowledge of the community and its residents adds to the blended news/talk format.

In addition to the news block with O'Neil and Buckout, local residents host weekly half-hour lifestyle programs that are aired between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.

Other news talk programs on KCUP include national FOX News Radio updates as well as syndicated talk radio hosts Ray Lucia, Dave Ramsey, Sean Hannity, the Don and Mike Show, Phil Hendrie, George Noory, and Art Bell.

Weekends feature lifestyle programs like scuba diving, taking care of pets, travel, Kim Komando, and Tom Leykis, as well as Jazzy Sunday mornings and evenings.

KCUP's sister station, KPPT 100.7FM THE BOSS, is owned and operated by Agpal Broadcasting Inc. for the past 15 years. Harle's husband, Andrew, passed away in 2003 but was a well-known on-air personality who operated the radio station with his wife. They also owned two other radio stations in Pendleton, Ore., for more than 20 years.

Local residents can find out more about the station at www.kcup.net. Contact KCUP for local news and information at 541-265-KCUP (5287) or talk@kcup.net.

SVS Receives Grant to Bolster American Indian Education

The Siletz Valley School was selected by Antioch University Seattle to receive an early college high school grant award.

A planning grant of \$82,000 has been allocated to the school. Once the planning phase is completed, additional funding will be available for the implementation phase.

Siletz Valley School is working closely with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Oregon State University, Oregon Coast Community College, and Antioch to create an early college high school.

Early colleges are high schools that blend high school diploma and associate's of arts degree requirements so students earn diplomas and associate of arts degrees concurrently. While Siletz Tribal member children are the focus of this grant, other enrolled students also can access this program.

The goal of Antioch's grant award is to better serve American Indian students, students who unfortunately have the highest dropout and lowest college completion rates of any ethnic group in the country. Only about half of

American Indian students graduate from high school; of these, less than 4 percent will earn a bachelor's degree.

The Siletz Tribe believes educating its youth is a top priority and as a result wants to increase the high school and graduation rates of its youth. This grant will help realize that goal.

Siletz Valley School currently is a K-8 school and is in the third year as a Lincoln County School District charter school. It has its own five-member school board and is responsible for providing an academic program that is still within the framework of district and state policy and guidelines.

Siletz Valley School joins eight other groups in this groundbreaking work to establish early college high schools. The other grantees are Klamath River Early College in Klamath, Calif., and the rest so far are in Washington state.

They include Medicine Wheel Academy in Spokane, Ferndale High School, Tulalip Heritage School in Marysville, the Suquamish Tribe on the Suquamish Reservation, Wellpinit High School on the Spokane Indian Reservation, LaConner High School, and Shelton High School.

Antioch will identify about 10 additional sites for a total of 18 schools to serve predominantly American Indian students.

"Our early college high schools for Native American youth plan to boost academic success through a multifaceted approach," explains Linda Campbell, Ph.D., who directs the Early College

Consortium for Native Youth at Antioch University Seattle. "Each school will feature culturally relevant curriculum, integrate high school diploma and associate of arts degree requirements, promote family and community engagement, and provide academic advising. In addition, the schools will provide these services to students in their local communities, which should increase their chance of success."

A major component of the Siletz program will include online learning, with courses provided by the University of Oregon and Oregon Coast Community College.

Antioch chose its sites based on a written grant application and site visit. Each site demonstrated strengths that suggest future success at implementing early college programs, including:

- Small school size and personalized student support
- Academic programs that integrate local Native culture
- Extensive family and community outreach
- Partnerships with one or more colleges



The schools are part of a \$140 million initiative funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Carnegie Corp. of New York, and the Ford Foundation to create or redesign 180 early college high schools for underserved and low-income young people across the nation.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation identified Antioch University Seattle in March 2002 to participate in the Early College High School Initiative.

Antioch University Seattle is one of five campuses of Antioch University, founded in 1852 in Yellow Springs, Ohio, and has a 150-year history of increasing educational access for historically underserved populations.

Primary responsibility for designing and operating the 180 early college high schools across the nation rests with nine partner organizations, coordinated by Jobs for the Future.

In addition to Antioch University Seattle, they are the Foundation for California Community Colleges, Knowledge Works Foundation, Middle College National Consortium, National Council of La Raza, Portland Community College, Utah Partnership Foundation, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, and SECME, Inc.

For more information about these partners and the Early College High School Initiative, visit www.earlycolleges.org.