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City Council candidate Randy Butts (left) talks with mayoral candidate Wes Ryan



Incumbent mayor Lori Hollingsworth speaks with local voters

## Candidates Share Views

Approximately 40 people attended the Candidate's Fair held in Chinook Winds Casino on Oct. 15.

The fair is a public service sponsored jointly by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Chinook Winds Casino Resort, the Lincoln City Kiwanis Club, and the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce.

All of the candidates who will appear on the Lincoln City ballot for the Nov. 7, 2006, election were invited to share their views with those who attended the fair and with the listening audience of KBCH and KNPT (the fair was broadcast over those radio stations).

Unfortunately, the candidates for governor did not attend, nor did the candidates for U.S. representative from the fifth district.

Candidate for Oregon Supreme

Court judge-position 6, Virginia L. Linder, did attend as did 12 local candidates, including those for state representative for the 10<sup>th</sup> district, Jean Cowan and Alan Brown; candidates for Lincoln County commissioner-position 1, Margaret J. Brunette and incumbent Don Lindly; candidates for Lincoln County commissioner-position 3, incumbent Terry Thompson and Kevin Pfannes; Lisa Kasper and incumbent Dana Jenkins, both running for Lincoln County clerk; Wes Ryan and incumbent Lori Hollingsworth, both in the Lincoln City mayor's race; and Randy Butts and Jim Kusz, both running unopposed for Lincoln City Council positions.

Ballots were mailed out Oct. 20. If you did not receive a voter's pamphlet in the mail, they are available at your local post office or county courthouse.

## Siletz Tribe Invites You to 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Restoration Celebration

On Nov. 18, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians will hold its annual Restoration Pow-Wow at Chinook Winds Casino Resort. The public is invited to this free event, which begins with a grand entry at 6 p.m.

Siletz cultural displays and American Indian vendors – with jewelry, beadwork, and other items for sale – will be available throughout the day.

This is the 29<sup>th</sup> year the Siletz Tribe has celebrated the signing of Public Law 95-195, which re-established government-to-government relations between the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the federal government. The Siletz Tribe was among the tribes of Western Oregon that were terminated from federal recognition in August 1954.

In the late 1960s, it became apparent that the only way to preserve and revitalize tribal culture was for the Siletz Tribe to regain its status as a tribe recognized by the United States.

In November 1977, after years of intense lobbying, Congress and President Jimmy Carter approved Public Law 95-195, which reinstated recognition of the Siletz as a federal Indian tribe. The Siletz Tribe was the second in the nation – and the first in Oregon – to achieve restoration.

Dedicated to improving the quality of life of its more than 4,300 members, the tribe puts strong emphasis on the education, health, and the social well-being of all its members.

Significant tribal accomplishments since Restoration include opening a

health clinic in 1991; building more than 100 homes and multiple dwellings for tribal members; completing the Siletz Dance House in 1996; opening the Tenas Illahee Child Care Center and the Siletz Gas & Mini-Mart in 2003; opening the Logan Road RV Park in Lincoln City in 2004; and opening the Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort in Salem in 2006.

The tribe also played a lead role in opening Siletz Valley School in 2003 and the Siletz Valley Early College Academy in 2006.

Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City opened in May 1995. In June 2004, the Siletz Tribe purchased the former Shilo Inn adjacent to the casino and opened Chinook Winds Casino Resort. Chinook Winds Golf Resort opened in April 2005 when the tribe purchased the former Lakeside Golf and Fitness Center in Lincoln City.

The combination of tribal employees and those at Chinook Winds Casino Resort has allowed the Siletz Tribe to become the largest employer in Lincoln County.

The Siletz Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$4.4 million through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and other tribal resources. Chinook Winds has donated more than \$1.25 million in cash and fund-raising items since 1995. It also provides in-kind donations of convention space for various fund-raisers as well as technical support, advertising, and manpower for events.

Please see additional Restoration Celebration details on page 5.

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