

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Siletz Clinic

Our current Siletz Community Health Clinic is becoming less able to adequately handle the increased patient load. The clinic was constructed when our tribal enrollment was only about 3,000 members.

Our population has dramatically increased and is now at more than 4,000, which means that all our tribal service needs have dramatically increased as well as, specifically, the need for an enlarged health facility.

As time goes by, our tribal population will continue to grow and we must make sure that our health clinic grows with it. If we fail to make the necessary facility improvements, we will be unable to handle the medical needs of our people.

The Tribal Council has been reviewing various options for enlarging the existing clinic as well as evaluating the pros and cons of constructing a new facility. The tribe is fortunate in having received a grant to assist us in funding an improved health facility.

No decision has been made as to what option will be selected; the study is ongoing. Because health care is under-funded by the Indian Health Service, we must consider how best to manage health care.



Delores Pigsley

National Indian Gaming Association

The annual meeting of the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) was held in Phoenix, Ariz., in March.

Former Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota addressed the conference, praising the tribes for their determination and unity in defeating some very damaging legislation in 2006, including the Vitter amendment.

NIGA made a special presentation to Sen. Daschle as an outstanding champion for Indian tribes and causes when he was minority leader in the Senate. Although he was, unfortunately, defeated in his bid for another Senate term, Daschle continues to be involved on behalf of tribes as an active advocate of Indian issues.

The new assistant secretary of the Interior, Indian Affairs – Carl Artman – also spoke at the conference. He addressed the highly sensitive issue of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) plan to reorganize the fee-to-trust process and specifically, the issues involving the taking land into trust for gaming.

Although there was a good exchange of views with tribal representatives regarding these controversial issues, it was clear the BIA intends to move ahead with its plan. Artman told tribal officials that everyone will not agree with the bureau's plan, but there has been consultation and the BIA needed to move ahead with action.

While the general meetings were in session, many training groups for managers and regulatory commissioners also were meeting.

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Tribes differ widely as to how much they have succeeded in diversifying their economies. Some tribes rely totally on their gaming enterprise while others have successfully branched out, using their gaming revenue to promote diversification.

As far as gaming goes, some highly successful gaming tribes generate enormous revenues based not only on how long they have been in gaming, but also – most importantly – based on where they are located.

Many large tribes are not as successful as many very small ones that generate enormous gaming revenues simply because the smaller gaming tribes are located close to, and can take advantage of, large population centers.

The panel consisted of some highly successful gaming tribes that generate enormous returns from their gaming operations. Although Siletz gaming revenue could not possibly compare with some of the others on the panel, our tribe, nevertheless, does extremely well – better than many and we certainly are much better off than those with minimal or no gaming operations at all.

Elders Council Meeting

May 12, 2007
Chinook Winds Casino Resort
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information, please contact Angela Ramirez
1-800-922-1399, ext. 1225; 541-444-8225; or angelar@ctsi.nsn.us

Can You Play Taps?

Seeking a talented tribal member to play *Taps* at the 2007 Memorial Day Ceremony on May 28 at 11 a.m. in Siletz. If interested, contact Celesta Lee, assistant Tribal Council secretary, at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1205, or 541-444-8205.

CTSI Jobs

CTSI Employment Job Line

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

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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.

Restoration Committee Working on 30th Anniversary Celebration

by Tina Retasket

The Tribal Council has appointed a committee to work on this year's Restoration Celebration. As you may already know, this year marks the 30th anniversary of Restoration. The committee is working on many events leading up to the Restoration event in November.

If you have any photographs of people or events that are significant to pre- or post-restoration, we would like to make a copy of them.

Please bring your photos to the Public Information office in the administration building in Siletz. Diane or Laurel will scan your photo, ask you who the people are in the picture and what the event is, and return the photo to you. They will forward the copies to the committee and you will have the original.

We appreciate everyone's assistance in this event and hope to use as many pictures as possible to show the recent history of the Siletz Tribe.

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
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