

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

During the spring, I reported on the Chemawa Station LLC, a joint economic development project of the Siletz and Grand Ronde tribes, based on land given to the tribes by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

I noted that the deed had an impediment, a reversionary clause that needed to be cleared up, not by the BIA but by congressional action. It was for this reason that in January, we conferred with congressional staff in order for Congress to pass legislation to remove this obstacle.

Our appeal was successful. We were assured legislation would be introduced with a very good chance of quick passage. This has not happened yet, however. The bill passed the Senate but was held up in the House Resources Committee.

Recently, Tribal Council member Bud Lane, attorney Leroy Wilder, and I went to Washington to meet with key congressional staff to move the bill forward, emphasizing its importance to the tribes. We hope to have the bill moved out of the committee before the July 4 recess.

Cultural Activities

As for our solstice dances, they were held this year on the last weekend in June. The dancers have in-



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creased tremendously in number. We are very proud of our folks who have become involved in their tribal culture.

I think it's appropriate to point out how important cultural values and activities are to our tribe. Our comprehensive plan, in summary, states that the commitment is "to continue forever ... our unique identity as Indians ... as to protect that identity from forces that threaten to diminish it; protect our interest rights as Indians and as a sover-

eign Indian Tribe; (and) promote our inherent rights as Indians and as a sovereign Indian Tribe; (and) promote our cultural heritage and religious beliefs and to pass them on in our own way to our children, grandchildren, and grandchildren's children forever."

The comp plan goes on to state, "The need to rekindle the languages, customs, traditions, and religious beliefs is clearly established in the tribe's Constitution and requires policy and program development."

With those words that express our cultural foundation, the tribe is proud of how passionately we have been fulfilling that mission - from the recreation of the traditional dance house; the restoration of our feather dance; basket weaving, in which the Siletz Tribe has taken a lead on the Oregon Coast; teaching our traditional language; and our Culture Camp.

Culture Camp currently is being planned. Last year's camp was very successful and we look forward to an even larger number of tribal members participating this year.

Plans for our pow-wow and parade currently are being finalized. Sister Francella Griggs has been selected to serve as this year's grand marshal.

Sister not only was instrumental in the early Restoration activities, but also is a person with a heart of gold, respected and loved by Indians and non-Indians alike.

For anyone who doesn't know, Sister in the 1970s got her master's degree in education from Eastern Oregon College and has served 26½ years in education in various parts of the country. She also served as executive director of the Portland Urban Indian Council when that organization was still unstable and needed her steady hand.

We are proud and pleased that she has returned, and she participates as a regular member of the Siletz elders group and in many tribal activities. Soon after she learned of her appointment as grand marshal, she called Zak Zakoji to serve as her escort.

I am very proud of all our graduates from Head Start through college - this seemed to be a banner year. I was fortunate to be able to attend Cynthia Depoe's promotional ceremony where she was promoted to chief master sergeant. This is the highest-ranking post an enlisted person can receive in the military.

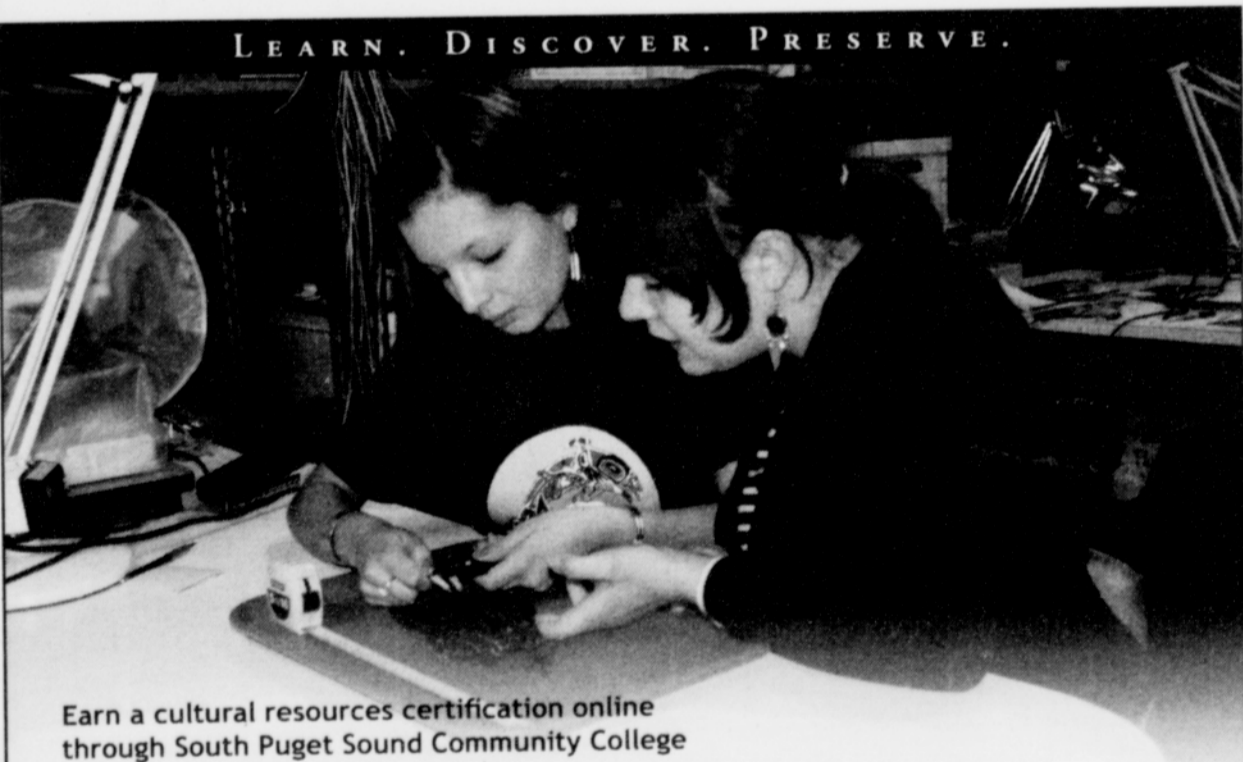
She was surrounded by family and friends in a huge room filled with military personnel. Congratulations to our achievers!

New Project Promotes Healthy Living for Families

The Healthy Family/Healthy Child project is looking for Siletz Tribal affiliates to sit on a committee that would bring family issues to the table and promote healthy living.

For more information, please contact Bekki Johns at 541-444-8262 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1262; or Mark

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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.

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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
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Siletz Community Health Clinic	1-800-648-0449
Siletz Alcohol and Drug	1-800-600-5599
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Chemawa Health Clinic	1-800-452-7823
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