

# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

## Latest on Chemawa Station LLC Property

Readers of *Siletz News*, dating back to the spring of '07 – and beyond – will recall my chairman's reports regarding progress made and obstacles encountered in developing the Chemawa Station LLC property in Keizer, Ore. The property was an economic development project of high priority for both the Grand Ronde and Siletz tribes.

To quickly summarize the major issues involved, the Chemawa property was turned over to our two tribes by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 2002 for an approved comprehensive plan involving a high quality industrial park with retail and other services.

It also held significant employment potential not only for the Siletz and Grand Ronde tribes, but also training and employment for Chemawa students.

Although I reported that considerable progress already had been made in developing the site, including the construction of roads, installation of water and sewer systems, etc., at considerable financial investment by our two tribes, we faced a major obstacle in further developing and completing the project.

The quitclaim deed that conveyed the property to our two tribes from the BIA contained a "reversionary clause" that kept the property from being used for economic development or natural resources purposes.



Delores Pigsley

As I reported in the March 2007 issue of *Siletz News*, the restrictive clause could only be removed by congressional action, not by the BIA, the donor of the property.

In a recent issue of *Siletz News*, I reported on the Siletz Tribal Council's efforts to secure the support of the U.S. Congress to enact the Chemawa Land Bill that would remove the restrictive clause which, if not cleared by congressional action, would prevent the tribes from securing financing for the property for economic development purposes.

As I reported in *Siletz News*, council member Bud Lane, tribal attorney Leroy Wilder and I made two trips to

Washington, D.C., this year to push for this bill. We were successful in having a bill introduced in and subsequently passed by the Senate.

We also had a House bill introduced that lay languishing in the House Resource Committee. On July 11, the House Committee held a hearing at which I, along with Councilman Jack Giffen of Grand Ronde, testified in support of the bill. At the conclusion of the hearing, Congressman Nick J. Rahall of West Virginia informed us that the bill would be sent to the full House on July 18 for passage.

We were informed there was no opposition to this legislation and we could fully expect the bill to be passed by Congress and signed by the president. This has been a three-year process that should not have taken this long, but we are happy that congressional action finally was taken that clears the way for the Grand Ronde and Siletz tribes to move forward with developing the Chemawa property.

The Siletz and Grand Ronde tribes were successful in gaining the understanding and support of Congress in order to remove a major obstacle in the development of the Chemawa property. Although the issue in this particular case involves only two tribes, it points out how important it is for tribes to work

together cooperatively when major tribal issues are involved, i.e., gaming, Indian health, sovereignty, etc.

## New Carissa Settlement

The tribe will be conveyed nearly 4,000 acres of land to be managed for the habitat of marbled murrelets as a result of the New Carissa settlement.

The tribe will own the land, however, there are provisions in the agreement that state it will not be taken into trust. This land conveyance will double the size of our land base.

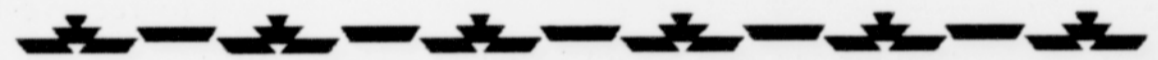
Mike Kennedy, Natural Resources manager, presented the information at a previous General Council meeting.

## Wasco Dancers from Warm Springs

Last weekend, the Siletz Culture Department hosted the Wasco Dancers from Warm Springs. The exchange in dances allows the tribes to share their cultures and expand their knowledge of each other.

The Wasco dancers did many of their traditional dances and songs at our Dance House. Siletz dancers then did many of our traditional dances.

Many thanks to Bud and Cheryl Lane for hosting dancers, taking them on the canoe trip, and preparing and organizing the meals.



## Restoration Committee Working on 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

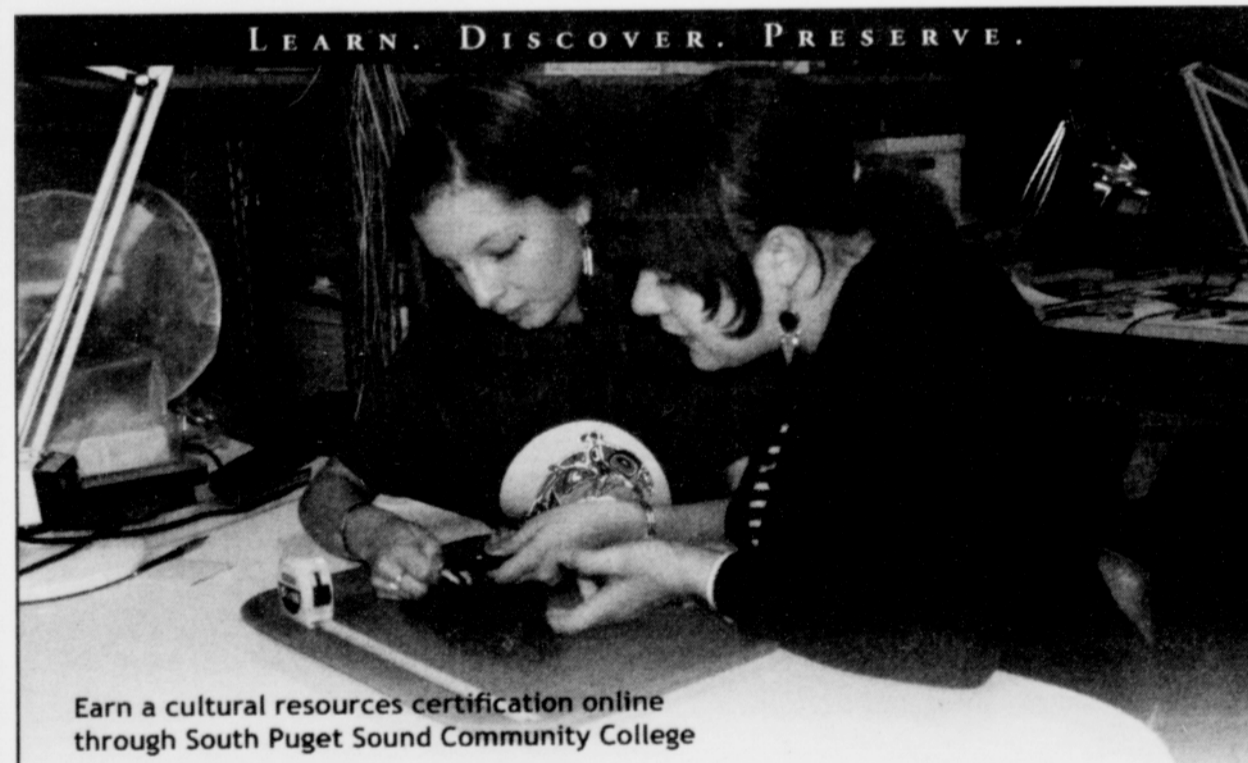
We appreciate everyone's assistance in this event and hope to use as many pictures as possible to show the recent history of the Siletz Tribe.



## Computer Apps Now on Web Site

We have placed the application forms for computers on the tribe's Web site so folks can download a copy right from home. The tribe's Web site is [www.ctsi.nsn.us](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us).

Click on the Computer Project tab on the front page and you can find all the information you need.



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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
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