

# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

## New Tribal Buildings

As most of you know by now, the tribe has three satellite area offices in Portland, Eugene and Salem in addition to our headquarters office in Siletz. Our tribal staff has provided a wide variety of community services to our members through these three satellite area offices ever since the tribe was restored 30 years ago.

Over the years, however, our original satellite facilities have become inadequate to handle the increased tribal membership and workload.

The purchase of sites and the establishment of new area offices in Portland, Salem and Eugene fulfill one of the goals identified by our members in the Siletz Tribe's Comprehensive Plan.

The Tribal Council recently approved purchasing office space in the Portland area to house tribal programs. The office is located at 12790 SE Stark St. in Portland.

The building is two stories with 12,640 square feet total. This will provide increased space for programs and activities for tribal members in Portland and also will add an additional source of revenue to the tribe. Other tenants are in the building and additional space is available for lease by contacting Sharon Edenfield at STBC, 541-996-2142. The planned move-in date is targeted for January 2008.

The Eugene Area office has enjoyed its new space since the tribe purchased and renovated the old Elks building in Eugene. The office has increased the space available to provide program services as well as meeting room space for activities. This is a two-story structure, with the second floor rented by LEI Engineering.



Delores Pigsley

The Salem Area Office is housed in the tribe's new building complex in Salem on Blossom Drive. The new office provides additional space for programs and activities. The building itself is huge and has additional space for other rentals. In addition, part of this huge building serves as the headquarters for the tribe's commodity distribution program.

Also in fulfillment of goals, the tribe has begun construction on the Tribal Wellness Center as well as a gymnasium that will be on the property west of the Tenas Illahee Childcare Center in Siletz. The Wellness Center will provide activities for diabetes patients as well as other activities. The gymnasium will be a blessing to the community for youth and adult recreational activities.

The projected completion date for the Wellness Center is Jan 31, 2008, and for the gymnasium is March 31, 2008.

## Run to the Rogue

This year's Run to the Rogue was spiritually and culturally enlightening. The camaraderie was great, the community of Port Orford was wonderful and treated the tribe to a feast.

Charles Wilkinson spoke of ancient sites and of the severe hardships that our ancestors endured on the land on which we were standing. Charles gave a heartfelt presentation to the group gathered at Oak Flat, the heat was terrific but we all listened in silence to his historical presentation of information that will appear in the book he is authoring.

Before we left our historic area, the elders were treated to breakfast at the Hawks Rest Ranch at Siskiyou West Lodge. The ranch is owned and operated by Angela Ramirez's father and was a real treat to visit.

## 30 Years of Restoration

In closing, I'd like to comment on the fact that this month we are celebrating 30 years since the Siletz Tribe was restored as a federally recognized tribe.

It's appropriate and important to be reminded of our numerous and significant tribal accomplishments during the 30 years since Restoration.

At the same time, however, while celebrating Restoration, it's equally important to be reminded of our early history, of what the confederated tribes had to endure during the more than 100 years prior to Restoration: from ravages inflicted on our early ancestors who were driven from their homeland; land promised by treaties but arbitrarily wrenched from the tribe; termination of the Siletz Tribe and its devastating consequences, etc.

Hopefully, as we celebrate Restoration this month, we will be mindful of the pre- as well as the post-restoration historical periods.

## Celilo Village

Oregon tribes as well as the Yakama Tribe met with Sen. Gordon Smith at the historic Celilo Village on Oct. 11. The Senator schedules an annual meeting with the tribes to get input on issues and legislation.

Tribes expressed support for the Senator in the coming election (all nine tribes are supporting his re-election). The meeting was well-attended as tribes reviewed their issues. We greatly appreciate these kinds of meetings and exchanges with our elected officials.

We thanked him for the passage of our legislation on the Chemawa land.

## Tribal Children Need You

Do you value Siletz Native culture and want to help preserve it?

If so, please consider fostering for the tribe. The Siletz Tribe needs loving, stable, nurturing homes in all areas.

If you are interested, please contact:

Shawna Nagunst  
Foster Care Certifier  
1-800-922-1399,

ext. 1275, or  
541-444-8275

or visit  
[www.ctsi.nsn.us/icw.html](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us/icw.html)



## 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
- Web Site  
[www.ctsi.nsn.us](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us)



Brenda Bremner, Reggie Butler Sr., Delores Pigsley, Loraine Butler, Lillie Butler, Frank Simmons, and Robert Kentta take part in the ground-breaking ceremony for the tribe's new Wellness Center in Siletz.