

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

We've survived several months of national politics – not only between, but within the major political parties. Super Tuesday has come and gone and now all of us will watch intently what happens in the months ahead.

In the end, we'll be involved in voting for the candidates who we believe will best serve us and the country. But before that happens, we will still have months of political controversy to endure and for us to evaluate the candidates. Your vote in the primary as well as the general election is extremely important.

Meanwhile, our tribe has already just survived another tribal election – in fact, 30 years of them. But when we think about those 30 years, we must admit our Constitution has served us well.

We do have members, however, who believe our system needs to be changed so the general membership can elect people whom they really want and trust. Under our present system, our



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members already have the opportunity to do that, to turn the entire council over within three years, but it's never happened. The fact is, our system allows

it and there is nothing to prevent it from happening sometime down the road.

Between now and the time the general election comes along, I will try to keep you abreast of Indian issues, in particular, what position the political parties and candidates are taking regarding Indian rights, programs and funding.

Before concluding my comments about elections, I want to express my thanks to all tribal members who participated in the recent tribal election. It's not only because we have a living Constitution, but also because we have a significant number of tribal members who take an active part in the electoral process that we have a viable government.

I congratulate Robert Kentta and Loraine Butler for being re-elected to the council. Tina Retasket not only was elected to council, but also as secretary to the council. As you know, Tina has served as assistant general manager of the tribe and now, with that background, will be able to make important contributions to the deliberations of the council.

Bud Lane has been elected again to serve as vice chairman and Jessie Davis as treasurer. Once again, I have been elected chairman, a position I pledge I will carry out with diligence and honor.

Tribal Physical Fitness Programs

On a tribal level, I am happy about and proud of the tribe's development of our physical fitness programs. Our new Tillicum Fitness Center, paid for with diabetes fund grants, just opened with many exercise machines and a person who works there full time.

The foundation is almost complete for the construction of our new gymnasium, a sprung structure scheduled to be up and open by April 1. These new facilities are badly needed in Siletz for every age group, and are the beginning of our effort to develop a strong and healthy membership.

Nuu-wee-ya'

(our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan Language

Open to tribal members of all ages

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
March 5 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
April 8 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
March 17 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
April 15 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
March 10 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
April 14 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
March 3 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
April 7 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Athabaskan Language class started for beginners in January 2008. These classes began with basic instruction and will progress over the next year. It also will be a refresher course for those more-advanced students. Come and join other members of your community and tribe in learning to speak one of our ancient languages.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Culture Department at 541-444-8320 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

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

Spring Break Activity Fun

March 25

Spring Wood Cut*
Help split and stack wood for tribal elders
Leave 8:30 a.m. from Tribal Administration Building
*Pre-registration Required
Toledo, Ore. • 9 a.m.-Noon

March 28

Spring Fling Dance
Community families and youth are invited to the dance
\$1 carnation sale for S.T.Y.L.E. fund-raiser
Tribal Community Center • 6-10 p.m.

Open Gym

Basketball, jump rope, structured games @ Open Court
Everyone is welcome to come and play
Siletz Valley School • 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

March 26

Ice Skating*
Leave 8 a.m. from Tribal Administration Building
*Pre-registration Required
Eugene, Ore. • 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

March 27

Family Bingo Night
Bring a can of food to get extra cards or 25 cents each
All proceeds go to Siletz Food Drive
Tribal Community Center • 6-9 p.m.

For More Information

Alissa Lane, 541-444-8373 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1373
DeAnna Pearl 541-444-9659 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1659

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CTSI Education Program
CTSI A&D Prevention
CTSI Tobacco Prevention
CTSI Housing Prevention
CTSI Physical Fitness Program
Healthy Child/Healthy Family Project



Attention Tribal Families!

Join us for the tribe's annual Easter Egg Hunt & Raffle!

March 22, 2008 • 11 a.m.
Siletz Tribal Community Center
Government Hill

Contact Alissa Lane or Felicia Carmona if you have questions,
541-444-2532

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, 800-922-1399, ext. 1275, or 541-444-8275; or visit www.ctsi.nsn.us/icw.html

