

## NOTICES

### Memorial Day Ceremony

May 26, 2008

Paul Washington Cemetery, Government Hill in Siletz



Counterclockwise from above: The Dancing Again Singers; Color Guard members Wayne Frank, Heather Walker, Stan Werth, Ed Ben and William DePoe Jr.; additional Color Guard members Dennis Lane, Clint Muschamp, Walt Klamath, Terry McCord and Todd Mason; and guest speaker William DePoe Jr. (photos by Natasha Kavanaugh)



### Tribal Members Invited to Archaeological Presentation

Mouth of the Rogue Project Report

June 15 • 1 p.m. • Siletz Tribal Community Center

by Robert Kentta

In 2007 and 2008, excavations have occurred near Tce-me-tun (aka Chemetun and other spellings) funded by the U.S. Coast Guard. I had raised concerns that part of the village site and associated cemetery had been used for fill across the road when the road at Doyle Point was widened in 1960.

Several burials were known to have been disturbed at that time. I asked that test excavations be conducted to see if the displaced village material was used as fill and sure enough, they revealed that both artifacts and fragmentary ancestral human remains had been pushed across the road and capped by additional fill.

Sarah Purdy from Byram Archaeological Consulting has agreed to come

and give a PowerPoint presentation on the site and the finds that all members are invited to attend. Following the presentation, a consultation meeting will take place between the Culture staff, Cultural Committee and individual tribal members who are descended from the village at the north side of the mouth of the Rogue who wish to be part of making the decisions about what gets reburied with the remains and how that occurs. I hope all who are interested are able to attend.

Input can be taken by phone and e-mail prior to the meeting as well. Any questions or input can be directed to me at 800-922-1399, ext. 1244, or 541-444-8244; or by e-mail at rkentta@ctsi.nsn.us.

## Platform of the Democratic Party of Oregon for 2008

### A Native American Plank

#### Oregon Democrats: Our Responsibilities to Oregon's Native Americans and their Rights

As Oregon Democrats we recognize with honor and respect our Native American citizens across the great state of Oregon, and we hold the fundamental belief that Tribal members and Oregon's Tribal Governments are inherently important to Oregon's economic, social and environmental future. We are committed to tangible recognition and representation of Oregon's Tribes in our governments, our business, our committees and commissions and in our Party.

#### Oregon Democrats: Our Commitments to the Rights and Stability of Oregon Native American Tribal Governments

As Oregon Democrats we recognize that Oregon's Tribal Governments are in varying progressive states of economic and infrastructure development and social healing as a result of previous federal policies. We embrace the need to support and assist where needed and invited this development and healing. We respect and pledge to honor the Tribe's rights to natural and cultural resources and specifically to the water rights and water needs necessary for the future security, development and wellbeing of Oregon's Tribal Governments and communities.

#### Oregon Democrats: Our Commitments to Resource Stewardship and Environmental Quality to Support Native American Subsistence, Health and Culture

As Oregon Democrats we recognize that Oregonians, Tribal and non-Tribal, are fish eaters and due to our good fortune of productive coastal and Columbia River fisheries, Oregonians consume more fish than residents in many other states. Our commitment is to enable and direct state, and support federal, initiatives to protect and restore Oregon's complex and varied natural communities. Our commitment recognizes that the consumption of healthy fish as part of a

healthy diet depends upon the reduction and elimination of human-induced toxic contamination of these fish and their natural habitats.

#### Oregon Democrats: Our Responsibilities to Prevent Climate Change from Impacting Oregon's Native Americans

As Oregon Democrats, we recognize that climate change could impact differentially Oregon's Tribal Governments and Native Americans due to their reliance on natural resources subsistence and their developing economies. As Oregon Democrats we commit to include and work with our Native American Governments to study and take actions to prevent the impacts of climate change to fisheries, water supplies, wetlands and economies.

#### Oregon Democrats: Our Global Citizen Responsibilities to Move to Sustainability

As Oregon Democrats, we believe that Native Americans can help show and lead the way to sustainable production and use of natural resources. We, Oregon's Tribal and non-Tribal member Democrats, commit ourselves to move Oregon's research, production, use and disposal of natural resources to long-term sustainability. We will link with our communities, our fellow states and our international partners to implement carbon and pollution credits and trading, clean and sustainable energy production, localized production and consumption, and salmon-safe and friendly programs.

Editor's Note: *Siletz News* was unable to acquire a similar Native American Plank from the Oregon Republican Party. Please visit [www.orgop.org](http://www.orgop.org) for information on the party's position on national issues.

If we are able to acquire information on Indian issues in the future, we will publish it in an upcoming edition of *Siletz News*.