

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Issues Tackled at Oregon Tribes Meeting

The Oregon Tribes met at Kah-Nee-Ta in June and discussed a variety of important issues, one of which concerns the universal problem of methamphetamine on Indian reservations and the means that Tribes have implemented to control its use. As readers of *Siletz News* will recall, meth is an issue about which I have written in previous issues.

The Tribal meth Memorandum of Understanding was discussed at great length, with staff presenting reports of their individual Tribal efforts and activities.

Another concern of the Oregon Tribes was the need to establish trust status for the Chemawa Indian School property. This property is where the school is currently located and includes the old campus. Eight of the nine Oregon Tribes submitted resolutions or letters of support to Sen. Gordon Smith to have the entire Chemawa property taken into trust. Currently, the property is held by the General Services Administration (GSA), but not in trust status.

The purpose of this Tribal action is to protect the school from non-Tribal development and to ensure the property is maintained for education of Indian youth. As non-trust under GSA management, Chemawa has been, and will be, vulnerable to many proposed non-Tribal uses.

Sen. Smith's office has offered to assist the Tribes with legislation to convert the Chemawa property to trust status. The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and the National Congress of American Indians both have passed



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resolutions supporting the Oregon Tribes' efforts to convert the property to trust.

Eugene, Salem and Portland Area Offices

For several years, our Tribal comprehensive plans have called for the acquisition and establishment in Portland of "a better-suited area office," in Salem of "community facilities large enough to house offices, meetings and working rooms," and in Eugene, of more adequate "community facilities and office space."

Those hopes and expectations have been realized. The Tribe now owns all of the properties in which the Portland, Salem and Eugene area offices are located.

The Portland area office recently held a well-attended open house in a very nice building, which the Tribe now owns and which houses other tenants. The Eugene area office is also a very nice building with the upstairs rented. The Salem Area office also is extremely nice and new. Visitors are welcome to stop in for a visit anytime you are in these areas.

As anticipated and planned for in our comprehensive plans, the Siletz Tribe now owns all the properties in which our area offices are located.

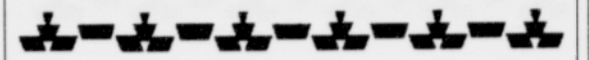
OCCC Sneak Preview

On July 2, I attended the ribbon cutting and sneak preview of the new North County Campus of Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC) in Lincoln City.

I was asked to address the event since the Siletz Tribe and our casino have been supportive of this project for many years. The Tribe's top priority is education and the new facility that is being built as part of OCCC is a blessing to the Tribe and our community.

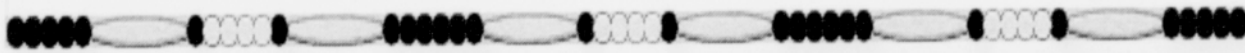
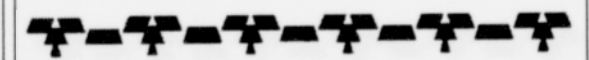
The new building is the first of a couple of buildings to be built on this property. The mayor, county commission chairman and board president were present and also addressed the group of about 150 people who attended this important event.

The expansion of the OCCC campus to Lincoln City will be tied to the main campus in Newport and with academic relationships with Chemeketa Community College in Salem. As a coastal institution with unique course offerings, OCCC enhances the educational opportunities for our members.



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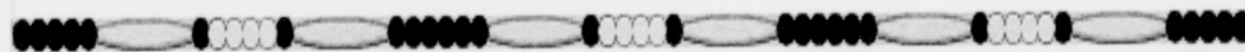
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