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Governor Pays Visit to Siletz

Tribal Council member Tina Retasket and Gov. Ted Kulongoski discuss the issues of the day during the governor's visit to the Siletz Reservation on June 19. Please see page 5 for details.

Photo by Diane Rodriguez



CONGRATULATIONS

– Graduating students at Siletz Valley Early College Academy toss their caps in celebration at the end of their graduation ceremony June 6. Tribal member graduates included Jennifer Easter, Sage Hatch, Jacob Ueland and Natasha Williams. Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley delivered the keynote address and the West Coast Boys played honor songs during the ceremony. Please see additional information in our graduates insert in this edition of Siletz News.

Photo by Natasha Kavanagh



Tribal Council Holds Meeting in Brookings

By Brent Merrill

The history of the Indian people who today comprise the membership of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians runs deep into the southwest region of what now makes up the State of Oregon.

The Tribal membership traces their ancestry to some 30 bands of Indians that were forcibly relocated by the United States from Native villages throughout their 20 million acres of ancestral land that stretched from the upper Klamath River and Crescent City areas of Northern California to the lower Columbia River and from the Pacific Ocean to the crest of the Cascade Mountain Range.

Today's Tribal membership is made up of descendants of Indian people from many throughout Oregon, but specifically from the Rogue River (Takelma, Shasta and Applegate), Umpqua and Calapooia from Umpqua Valley, Cow Creek Umpqua Band (a Takelma band), Chasta, Scoton, Grave Creek, Galice Creek, Chasta-Costa, Coquelle, Sixes, Port Orford, Euchre Creek, Tututni, Macanotunne, Pistol River, Chetco and southern Molalla Tribes throughout the Southern Oregon area.

For this reason, Tribal Council holds periodic meetings in the Southern Oregon area as a way to reach out to members who reside in the area.

Sharon Edenfield is sworn in as the newest Tribal Council member in a special meeting June 19. Edenfield was appointed to the position by Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley and voted into office by the Tribal Council.

Courtesy photo by Tina Retasket



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