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Robert Kentta, Reggie Butler Sr., Loraine Butler, Judy Muschamp, Bud Lane, Delores Pigsley, Tina Retasket, Sharon Edenfield, Lillie Butler and Brenda Bremner dig shovels full of dirt at the ground breaking for the new Siletz Community Health Clinic.

Construction Begins on New Siletz Health Clinic

Ground-breaking ceremony gets the ball rolling

By Lindy Taylor

The ground-breaking ceremony for the new Siletz Community Health Clinic was a great success on Aug. 1. The setting was beautiful and we had a generous turnout.

Forty to 50 Tribal and community members shared in our ceremony that included opening remarks and a review of the vision and work that has been done to bring this project to fruition by Delores Pigsley, Tribal chairman.

"The benefits of the new facility will be felt by Tribal members as well as non-Tribal. We hope to increase our services and the number of people we serve," she said at the ceremony.

Pastor Dan Lundy of Sacred Ground Outreach opened our ceremony with a moving prayer blessing our endeavor. He also sang a beautiful rendition of *The Lord's Prayer* while Ashliegh Ramirez, Jr. Miss Siletz Princess, performed the sign language version of the song in regalia.

Lee Butler, Reggie Butler Jr. and the West Coast Boys gave an inspirational performance of drum and song that set the

mood. The ceremonial dig was performed at the construction site by Tribal Council members Delores Pigsley, Tina Retasket, Bud Lane, Lillie Butler, Robert Kentta, Loraine Butler, Reggie Butler Sr. and Sharon Edenfield as well as General Manager Brenda Bremner and Tribal Health Director Judy Muschamp.

"The fact that the Tribe is embarking on this venture at this time is very exciting and in less than a year we will be operating a new health facility that will benefit the Tribal membership and community," said Bremner.

"I have never seen a more inspiring or outstanding location for a medical

See New Clinic on page 4.

Join Us for Run to the Rogue

You are invited to join Siletz Tribal members and friends Sept. 10-12 for the 15th Annual Run to the Rogue.

This event is a 234-mile relay run/walk in memory of the Siletz Tribal ancestors who were forcibly removed from their homeland in Rogue River Country in the mid-1800s and marched north to Siletz to the confinements of the Coast Reservation. This annual relay run is the closest we can come to our ancestors' experience on the journey from their homeland.

The run begins in Siletz on Sept. 10 at the Siletz Tribal Community Center and ends Sept. 12 at Oak Flat on the Rogue River.

- Volunteers are needed for this three-day event to run, walk or help out with camp setup, cleanup, cooking and other areas.
- Youth can participate but need a designated adult committed to traveling and camping with the youth.
- Camping, meals and runners' support and refreshments are provided along the route.
- An orientation session will be held Sept. 10 at 8 a.m. at the Tribal Community Center in Siletz.

If you wish to participate or would like more information, please call 800-922-1399 or 541-444-2532, ext. 1273 or 1290, for a registration packet.

Delores Pigsley and Aurolyn Stwyer-Pinkham from Warm Springs

Please see our -12-page pullout section for additional photos of this year's Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow.



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