

Sheila Cloutier: Guest Speaker at Willamette University

Our Tribe was asked to participate in welcoming Sheila Cloutier to Salem and Willamette University on Aug. 28. Together with University President M. Lee Pelton and others, I was privileged to be asked to say a few words of welcome to Cloutier.

Many of you already may have heard of Cloutier, who was elected the Canadian president of the Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) and is an influential voice in the successful negotiations of the Stockholm Convention.

Cloutier is also known as a Nobel Peace Prize nominee for her advocacy regarding the impact of global climate change on human rights, especially in the Arctic. She was elected in 2002 to serve as the international chair of the ICC, representing 155,000 Inuit from Canada, Greenland, Alaska and Russia, a position she held until 2006.

Cloutier speaks eloquently about the inter-connectedness of the environment, the economy, foreign policy, health and human rights.

As an Inuit whose Native societies are seeing a significant impact from globalization, Cloutier was able to speak with conviction about how globalization is similarly having an impact on and challenging the rest of us as citizens inhabiting the planet we all share. She reminded everyone of the need to be vigilant about protecting our resources.

Bud Lane sang a welcome song. After Cloutier's presentation, we enjoyed a nice luncheon hosted by the university.



Delores Pigsley

Chairman's Report

NOAA: Sen. Wyden's Visit to Newport

The Port of Newport has been selected to be the new home of the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) Marine Operations Center and this is exciting and welcome news for Lincoln County.

In fact, it also is exciting news for the Siletz Tribe because Newport was selected, according to a NOAA press release, "following a rigorous process involving an intensive review of proposals submit-

ted by sites in Washington and Oregon ... NOAA is committed to providing the highest level of science, service and value to the nation ..."

Sen. Ron Wyden's aide, Fritz Graham, invited our Tribe to a meeting with local government officials in Newport, which Bud Lane and I attended. Sen. Wyden was present to discuss the relocation of NOAA to the Newport site at South Beach, where the Hatfield Marine Science Center as well as the Oregon Fish and Wildlife offices currently are located.

Officials who attended represented Oregon State University, City of Newport, county commissioners, Chamber of Commerce, Port of Newport, the district attorney's office, our Tribe and others.

Sen. Wyden congratulated the local officials for their diligence in pursuing the NOAA move to Newport, which will provide jobs and many other economic opportunities to the area.

Although it should be noted that an appeal was filed by the city in Washington from which NOAA is being moved, Sen. Wyden is optimistic that the outcome will be favorable to Newport. The appeal decision is expected to be made relatively soon.

Oregon 150: State Fair Event

The five Western Oregon Tribes participated in the Oregon State Fair as a result of the agreement that was made to

perform and use the Pavilion during the Tribes' pow-wow that kicked off Oregon's 150th anniversary in January.

The Siletz Feather Dancers and also the Grand Ronde Canoe Family performed for the audience. The five Tribes also had information booths, including children's activities, canoes and even a display of our Tribe's miniature dance house.

The Tribes' message to the audience was to recognize Tribal sovereignty and to understand that all of Oregon was once Tribal land.

Run to the Rogue: Port Orford Visit

Robert Kentta and I made a historical presentation to the City of Port Orford on our way to the Rogue River. The city has been very supportive of our Tribe over the years, especially when the runners pass through. They have welcomed the Tribe with a dinner on the eve of the runners arriving at the river.

We should all be very proud of Robert, who made a great presentation in June at a Tribal Council meeting that was attended by many local citizens as well as his recent presentation. The room was packed full of residents eager to know and understand our Tribal history.

The run included many new faces this year with an even larger number of students. Thank you to all the staff who helped coordinate the run!

Elders' Council Meeting

Oct. 17 • 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Chinook Winds Golf Resort

For more information, please contact April Bender at 800-922-1399, ext. 1212; 541-444-8212; or aprilb@ctsi.nsn.us

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If you are interested, please contact Shawna Henarie, foster care certifier, at 541-444-8275 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1275; or visit www.ctsi.nsn.us/icw.html.



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Nuu-wee-ya' (our words) Introduction to the Athabaskan Language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Siletz
Siletz Tribal Community Center
Oct. 6 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Nov. 3 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Salem
Salem Area Office
Oct. 13 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Nov. 10 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Portland
Portland Area Office
Oct. 12 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Nov. 9 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Eugene
Eugene Area Office
Oct. 5 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Nov. 2 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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 Cultural Department at 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

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