

Chairman's Report

NPAIHB – Doni Wilder's retirement

As reported last month, our Tribe hosted the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board's quarterly meeting at Chinook Winds. There was a large turnout for the meeting.

The Tribe provided a traditional dinner in Siletz as well as a special feather dance for our guests. We said goodbye to Doni Wilder and wish her well in her retirement.

First Nations pow-wow

The annual Gathering of Oregon's First Nations Pow-Wow was held at the Oregon State Fairgrounds Pavilion at the end of January (see photos on pages 12-13). The event is sponsored by the five Western Oregon Tribes, who in turn agree to provide an event at the Oregon State Fair. There was a good turnout for the pow-wow, although not as big as in prior years.

The pow-wow was intended to reach out to the non-Indian community to expose

people to Tribal cultures and history. The Tribes provided information booths as well as demonstrations of crafts and regalia. Robert Kentta did an excellent job for us. Nick Sixkiller was the emcee for the event and as usual did a great job. Thank you to the staff who made the event successful.

Book promotions

Tina Retasket and Robert Kentta, along with Charles Wilkinson, participated in the book promotion of *The People are Dancing Again* at the University of Colorado in Boulder in January. This is part of a series of appearances that are promoting our book (see schedule on page 17).

Bud Lane, Charles and I made a presentation at the University of Montana at Missoula on Feb. 10. On March 5 from 7-9 p.m., a presentation will take place at the Newport Visual Arts Center as part of the *Writer's on the Edge* series.

New housing

A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place Feb. 5 to open the Gwee-Shut Apartments,

19 new housing units in Siletz. They are beautifully built and the new residents are ready to move in.

Cearley Construction, owned by Tribal member Jeremy Cearley, built the apartments.

Elections

Tribal elections were held Feb. 5, resulting in Robert Kentta, Loraine Butler and Tina Retasket being re-elected. Congratulations to the three incumbents.



Delores Pigsley

Pharmacy Hours

Siletz Community Health Clinic

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed for lunch: 12:30-1 p.m.

Elders' Council Meeting

March 12 • 1-4 p.m.

Chinook Winds Golf Resort

For more information, please contact April Bender at 800-922-1399, ext. 1225; 541-444-8225; or april@ctsi.nsn.us

Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
March 7 – 6-8 p.m.
April 4 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
March 14 – 6-8 p.m.
April 11 – 6-8 p.m.

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
March 8 – 6-8 p.m.
April 5 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
March 15 – 6-8 p.m.
April 12 – 6-8 p.m.

Classes begin with basic instruction and progress over the year. They also are a refresher course for more-advanced students. Come and join other members of your community and Tribe in learning to speak one of our ancient languages.

We also have equipment in the Cultural Department available for use in grinding and drilling shell or pine nuts or other applications. If you need to use the equipment, call the number below to set up an appointment.

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.

Most Often Requested Numbers

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians 800-922-1399	Siletz Community Health Clinic 800-648-0449
Salem Area Office 503-390-9494	Siletz Behavioral Health 800-600-5599
Salem Finance Office 888-870-9051	Chinook Winds Casino Resort 888-244-6665
Portland Area Office 503-238-1512	Chemawa Health Clinic 800-452-7823
Eugene Area Office 541-484-4234	Bureau of Indian Affairs 800-323-8517
Contract Health Services (CHS) 800-628-5720	Website www.ctsi.nsn.us

Tribal children need foster parents

Do you value Siletz Native culture and want to help preserve it? If so, please consider fostering for the Tribe. The Siletz Tribe needs loving, stable, nurturing homes in all areas.

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, click on Tribal Services, then Employment & Social Services, then Indian Child Welfare.



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