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Chairman's Report

Legislation

For the past several years, the Tribe has been interested in ways to improve the processing of our fee-to-trust applications. We have experienced an extremely lengthy process as it currently exists.

We have worked with our congressional delegation and county governments. We are very close to having legislation introduced that will recognize our original reservation boundary.

There are provisions in the legislation that may allow the fee-to-trust process to be handled in the same manner as it is with other Tribes that have a contiguous reservation boundary. This would speed up the process for several pieces of property that have been pending for some time. Applications currently pending include a cemetery, Medicine Rock and several other parcels we hope to use for housing.

Therefore, we want the legislation to clarify the Tribe's original reservation area as an amendment to the Siletz Restoration Act. It implements the intent of the Indian Reorganization Act to reverse the loss of Tribal lands and restore a small portion of our original land base by allowing the Tribe to take land into trust (under the same provisions as other Indian Tribes) within our original reservation boundary.

It ensures that the applications the Tribe submits in the defined geographic area will continue to be processed in the Northwest Regional Office. The bill would establish and confirm a working

partnership between the Siletz Tribe and local counties.

Visit from Shana Radford from Sen. Wyden's office

Shana Radford, a Hatfield Fellow working in Sen. Ron Wyden's office, recently visited our Tribe. The Tribal Council visited with her in Lincoln City, then we drove to Siletz for a tour. Shana is of Nez Perce descent and was very understanding of our Tribal issues.

We appreciate that the senator gave her the opportunity to come to Siletz for a visit and to discuss Tribal issues and concerns. We ended the visit at the Dance House.

National Museum of the American Indian

On July 8-10, the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) will host a Siletz Festival. The Tribe will host cultural displays, including basketry and

regalia, a book promotion of *The People Are Dancing Again* and will conduct a Feather Dance.

This is a unique opportunity for Siletz to share our history and culture. There will be a couple of Feather Dance exhibitions each day. Charles Wilkinson also will be in attendance for the book promotion.

The Tribe was invited to perform when we met with Kevin Gover, NMAI museum director, last fall. Many visitors are expected at the museum in July and in Washington, D.C., in general.

Tribal Council members will participate in the dances as well as the cultural displays and book promotion.

Elders Gathering

The Elders Gathering "Shirts & Shawls" was very well-attended. The event was well organized; many nice comments were made about the friendliness and the good food. Nice job, Elders!

Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
May 2 - 6-8 p.m.
June 6 - 6-8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
May 16 - 6-8 p.m.
June 13 - 6-8 p.m.

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
May 3 - 6-8 p.m.
June 7 - 6-8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
May 17 - 6-8 p.m.
June 14 - 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.

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.



CTSI Jobs

Tribal employment information is available at www.ctsi.nsn.us.

Note: "Open Until Filled" vacancies may close at any time. The Tribe's Indian Preference policy will apply. Tribal government will not discriminate in selection because of race, creed, age, sex, color, national origin, physical handicap, marital status, politics, membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

CTSI constantly is looking for temporary employees to cover vacancy, vacations, maternity leave and extended sick leave. If you are retired, a homemaker or a student and are looking for temporary work that can last from two weeks to 12 weeks, please submit a temporary application for the temp pool.

Most Often Requested Numbers

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
800-922-1399

Salem Area Office
503-390-9494

Salem Finance Office
888-870-9051

Portland Area Office
503-238-1512

Eugene Area Office
541-484-4234

Contract Health Services (CHS)
800-628-5720

Siletz Community Health Clinic
800-648-0449

Siletz Behavioral Health
800-600-5599

Chinook Winds Casino Resort
888-244-6665

Chemawa Health Clinic
800-452-7823

Bureau of Indian Affairs
800-323-8517

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