

Education

A small but great gathering of the Education Committee, staff and students took place at the Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort in Salem in June. It was good to meet the graduates and hear many success stories.

This seemed to be a record year for graduates, not only from colleges but high school, middle school and on down to our Head Start kids. Congratulations to the students and to the parents for making this happen.

Also, thank you to our Education staff for their hard work!

Fee-to-trust legislation

As you all know, we have been working hard on our fee-to-trust legislation. We met in late June with the Grand Ronde and Coos Tribes to offer remedies. Tribes are taking information back to their councils to review. I felt the meeting was productive.

In the meantime, the Senate Indian Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on our legislation on the Senate side of Congress. We had a hearing in the last Congress, so this will be the same but necessary to get things moving on the Senate side.

Parade

The Tribe is happy to announce that the grand marshals for this year's Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow parade will be all past council members, both pre-Restoration as well as after Restoration. It will be a great honor to have them participate in the weekend's events.

Oregon mascot legislation

The Oregon Legislature is considering a change to the Department of Education's ban on Indian mascots in Oregon.

Hearings have been held at which the Tribe testified that some Indian mascots are not offensive and local Tribes should be consulted and approve or deny the mascot. Our own Siletz Valley Warriors are at issue, so we hope the legislation passes.



Delores Pigsley

Elders Council Meeting

July 20 • 1-4 p.m.

Chinook Winds Casino Resort

For more information, contact Dee Navarro at 800-922-1399, ext. 1261; 541-444-8261; or deen@ctsi.nsn.us.

Most Often Requested Numbers

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| 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 – ctsi.nsn.us |



Photo by Tiffany Stuart

Cowboy Buck & Elizabeth provide music and comedy during the summer's first Thursday afternoon performance at the Siletz Public Library on June 20.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

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Culture Camp Registration

Camp dates – July 16-18, 2013

Registration forms can be found online at ctsi.nsn.us or at any Tribal area office. Please return registration form to your nearest Tribal office or mail completed form to Culture Camp, CTSI, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549; fax 541-444-8392.

Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Eugene
Eugene Area Office
July – class is at Culture Camp
Aug. 5 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland
Portland Area Office
July – class is at Culture Camp
Aug. 19 – 6-8 p.m.

Siletz
Siletz Tribal Community Center
July – class is at Culture Camp
Aug. 6 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem
Salem Area Office
July – class is at Culture Camp
Aug. 20 – 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 email budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

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