



Tribe invites community to join celebration at 36th Restoration Pow-Wow

The public is invited to join the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians on Nov. 16 as it holds its annual Restoration Pow-Wow at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, Ore.

This free event begins with a grand entry at 6 p.m. American Indian vendors with jewelry, beadwork and other items for sale will be available throughout the day.

This is the 36th year the Siletz Tribe has celebrated the signing of Public Law 95-195, which re-established government-to-government relations between the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the federal government. The Siletz Tribe was terminated from federal recognition in August 1954.

In the late 1960s, it became apparent that the only way to preserve and revitalize Siletz Tribal sovereignty, community and culture was for the Siletz Tribe to regain its status as a Tribe recognized by the United States.

In November 1977, after years of intense lobbying, Congress and President Jimmy Carter approved Public Law 95-195, which reinstated recognition of the Siletz as a federal Indian Tribe. The Siletz Tribe was the second in the nation – and the first in Oregon – to achieve restoration.

Dedicated to improving the quality of life of its more than 4,900 members, the Tribe puts strong emphasis on the education, health and social well-being of all its members.

Significant Tribal accomplishments since Restoration include opening the original health clinic in 1991 and a new much larger clinic in 2010; building more than 150 homes and multiple dwellings for Tribal members, including 20 units at Neachesna Village in Lincoln City that opened in 2009, plus another eight units there and 19 apartments in Siletz that opened in 2010 and seven homes in the Tillamook subdivision in Siletz that opened this year; completing the Siletz Dance House in



File photos

Grass dancers (above) take the floor during the 2012 Restoration Pow-Wow, while Tenaya Cordova and her dad, Jessie, connect for an owl dance.

1996; opening the Tenas Illahee Childcare Center in 2003; opening the Tillicum Fitness Center and a new USDA food distribution warehouse in Siletz in 2008; and opening the Siletz Rec Center in 2009.

Through its economic development division, the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation, the Tribe purchased the Lincoln Shores office complex in Lincoln City in 2001; and opened the Siletz Gas & Mini-Mart in Siletz in 2004, the Logan Road RV Park in Lincoln City in 2004 and the Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort in Salem in 2006. The Tribe purchased the Imprints printing business in Lincoln City in 2008.

Tribal offices in Portland, Salem and Eugene now are housed in Tribally owned buildings. The Eugene office moved to its current location in 2005, the Salem

office did the same in 2006 and the Portland office moved to its current location in 2008.

The Tribe also played a lead role in opening Siletz Valley School in 2003 and Siletz Valley Early College Academy in 2006.

Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City opened in May 1995. In June 2004, the Siletz Tribe purchased the former Shilo Inn adjacent to the casino and opened Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

Chinook Winds Golf Resort opened in April 2005 when the Tribe purchased the former Lakeside Golf and Fitness Center in Lincoln City. The combination of Tribal employees and those at Chi-

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State youth development group visits Tribe, local school to identify needs

By Bonnie Petersen, Assistant General Manager

On Oct. 8, the Siletz Tribe coordinated a site visit by staff from the Oregon Youth Development Council (OYDC). The council is housed in Salem and was established by law in 2012 to assist the Oregon Education Investment Board in overseeing education for school-age children through age 20.

The council is tasked with developing a funding mechanism for the approximately \$19 million disbursed each biennium to improve academic and social outcomes for children and youth. OYDC

staff is traveling to 30 communities in Oregon, including Siletz, to seek input on developing the funding mechanism.

While in Siletz, OYDC staff visited the Tillicum Fitness Center, Siletz Recreation Center, Tenas Illahee Childcare Center, the Athabaskan language class at Siletz Valley School and the Tribal after-school program, and met with school principal Sam Tupou.

OYDC staff, members of the Tribal Council and high school students enrolled

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Brenda Brooks, Nadja Jones and Matthew Tschabold from the Oregon Youth Development Council visit with Sam Tupou, principal at Siletz Valley School.