

Memorial Day

The Memorial Day Ceremony was outstanding and the decorations were beautiful (see photos on page 8).

Nathan Metcalf was the guest speaker this year. He talked about the time he spent in the Marines. He gave a detailed report of the training he received and then of the time he was assigned to the Middle East. This was during the Kuwaiti invasion and burning of the oil fields.

Nathan described in detail what he and his troop went through to survive. He is to be commended for the time he served in the Marines and for sharing this with the membership.

The Culture Committee served a great Memorial Day lunch!

Siletz Agency

In the next few months, Siletz Agency staff will be greatly reduced. BIA Regional

Director Stan Speaks notified the Tribe that reduction in force notices were sent to all but the realty officer and the natural resources person who approves timber sales.

Originally when the agency was established after restoration, it was designed to just serve Siletz. After the restoration of four other Tribes, however, the agency increased staff to provide services to five Tribes.

Since that time and because most of the restored Tribes became self-governance Tribes, the need for a large staff was greatly reduced. The Tribe worked with the BIA to keep an adequate staff.

For the staff that are losing their jobs, I have been told there is an opportunity for them to be re-assigned elsewhere.

Chinook Winds

Chinook Winds celebrated 19 years on June 20-22. Special events included

fireworks, entertainment (Diamond Rio) and cake. Glass floats were placed on the beach for finding during the celebration.

Information presented on the radio indicated that 17,000 visitors drive to the coast annually, however, during the summer months that figure increases to 35,000 visitors. Having said that, lots of people were able to enjoy a great celebration.

Housing

Tribal Housing Director Sami Jo Difuntorum recently was elected as president of the board for the National American Indian Housing Council (see page 3) at its annual meeting held in Kansas City, Mo.

Her leadership has been recognized nationwide as she has been very active on national issues as well as managing our Tribe's housing issues.

Congratulations, Sami Jo!



Delores Pigsley

Sea Treats opens in Depoe Bay

The Siletz Tribal Business Corporation is pleased to announce that its Depoe Bay building has a new tenant, Sea Treats LLC. Sea Treats is a combination seafood restaurant and market owned and operated by Mark Lewis.

Lewis would welcome a consignment arrangement with Tribal members for any products they would like to sell through Sea Treats. He also has expressed interest in partnering with a Tribal member who has a smoker to operate in front of the building.

If you are interested, please contact Lewis directly at 360-581-8017.

Siletz School reunion set for Sept. 13-14

An "Old School, All Class" reunion for all alumni of Siletz School who were students in a class with a graduation date through 1986 will be held at the Elks Lodge #1664 campgrounds, Toketee Illahee Park, on Sept. 13-14.

Toketee Illahee Park is located at 20590 Highway 229, approximately 3 miles north of Siletz.

Classmates and their partners are invited to attend a sock hop on the evening of Sept. 13 and a picnic the next day for classmates and their families. Times will be announced later.

Donations of items for raffles and ideas for fundraising are needed and welcome. Attendees are asked to RSVP to assist with the planning process.

Campsites are available but limited, so please reserve your space at Toketee Illahee Park by calling 541-444-2733.

Ongoing updates will be posted on the Facebook site "You Know You're From Siletz If..."

More information also is available by contacting John Miller at 541-444-2058 or bigmranch@hughes.net; or call Ray Goodell at 541-444-2254.

Tribal members invited to sell products at Imprints

Imprints Print Shop would like to hear from all Siletz Tribal members who would be interested in selling their products (and advertising their services) at Imprints on a consignment basis.

If interested, contact Joey Arce-Torres at 541-996-5550 or joey@imprintsprintshop.com.

Elders Council Meeting

July 12 • 1-4 p.m. • Chinook Winds Casino Resort

Siletz Elder potlucks are held monthly at 6 p.m. on the Monday before the regularly scheduled Elders meeting. Please bring a potluck dish you would like to share.

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

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July 7 – 6-8 p.m.

Aug. 4 – 6-8 p.m.

Eugene

Eugene Area Office

July 8 – 6-8 p.m.

Aug. 5 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office

July 14 – 6-8 p.m.

Aug. 11 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office

July 15 – 6-8 p.m.

Aug. 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 email budl@ctsi.nsn.us.