

Chairman's Report

The Salem casino project – an initiative to build Oregon's first statewide Tribal gaming facility in Salem, Ore. – continues to move forward.

Tribal Council continues to meet with community and business groups such as the Keizer Chamber of Commerce and the Northgate Neighborhood Association as well as local elected officials to discuss the benefits of the project, mitigation of any identified impacts and how we can work together.

All have been receptive to the project and showed excitement for the economic growth and new tourism opportunities the project will bring to the Salem-Keizer community. In fact, a public opinion poll we conducted showed approximately 60% of area residents support our project.

Because of the significant time and outreach we've invested in it, I am confident

that Siletz's project will receive strong public support when the official federal approval process begins.

We continue to communicate with fellow Oregon Tribes about the opportunity to receive benefit from this unique opportunity to improve the lives of all Tribal members. We have met with every Tribal government in Oregon at least once and have generally received positive or neutral responses from them.

The Siletz Tribe is committed to sharing the benefits of the revenue generated from this project with all the Tribes in Oregon.

The legal and regulatory process ahead is complicated but we believe we have a strong application. A major positive is the fact that the land on which the Siletz Tribe proposes to build the new casino is

already held in trust status by the federal government.

Generally speaking, our Salem project requires two things: 1) For the federal government to determine that the project is in the best interest of the Tribe and not detrimental to the surrounding community, and 2) That the governor of Oregon concurs in the federal government's determination. This will require extensive review of our project and its potential impacts by both the federal and state governments. This will be the second time this process will be done on this property.

In the months ahead, we will focus on preparing the necessary documentation to officially apply for federal approval of the gaming project. This includes analyses of the construction of the casino itself and mitigation of local impacts such as traffic. We will also work with local governments and agencies toward agreements on utilities, law enforcement and other services needed for the Salem project.

I will keep you informed of this process and the various steps the Tribe will



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need to go through. Thank you for your interest and ongoing support of this project, which will allow the Tribe to provide better services to our membership, the local community and other Oregon Tribes for decades to come.

2019 Culture Camp

July 9-11

Registration forms are available on the Tribal website (ctsi.nsn.us) or at your area office.

If you have any questions, contact Buddy Lane at 800-922-1399, ext. 1230; 541-444-8230; or buddyl@ctsi.nsn.us.

Applications can be mailed to P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549 or faxed to 541-444-8392.

For more information about the Siletz Tribe, please visit ctsi.nsn.us.

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Tenas Illahee Childcare Center Board of Directors Vacancies

Résumés are being accepted for the Tenas Illahee Childcare Center Board of Directors. Currently, there are two vacant board positions.

If interested, please submit your résumé to Siletz Tribal Council, c/o Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

Vacancies are open until filled.

Elders Council Meeting

June 8 • 1-4 p.m. • Chinook Winds Casino Resort

For more information, contact the Elders Program at 800-922-1399, ext. 1261, or 541-444-8261.

Nuu-wee-ya' (our words) Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Siletz

Tribal Community Center
June 3 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
June 10 – 6-8 p.m.

July classes will be held at Culture Camp.

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
June 4 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
June 11 – 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.