

Chemawa story poles

Tribes attended a morning blessing and unveiling of the story poles erected just prior to Chemawa's 142nd birthday celebration. The story poles were carved by Jewel James of the Lummi Tribe in honor and memory of the students and staff who are buried in the Chemawa Cemetery.

Our Tribe furnished the cedar logs for the project, Jewel carved them and they are truly beautiful. An honor and prayer song

was given by Chemawa students at the cemetery as well as at the school, where the second pole was erected. The two story poles face each other, one from the campus and the other from the cemetery.

All visitors were allowed to join the students for lunch in the cafeteria. The annual pow-wow followed.

Washington, D.C., trip

Bud Lane, Robert Kentta, Sharon

Edenfield and I traveled to Washington, D.C., in February to discuss important issues with our Oregon delegation as well as with officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education.

Legislative Commission on Indian Services

The LCIS held its first meeting of 2020 this past week. Important discussion items included addressing health care issues as well as reports from all the Tribes.

Audit

We are very proud to announce another unqualified audit that was completed at Chinook Winds Casino Resort. Unqualified is defined as no errors or omissions.

Chinook Winds staff is to be commended as they have many years of receiving clean audits. The audits are required and are submitted to the National Indian Gaming Commission by April 1 each year.

Siletz Tribal Business Corporation

As the new executive director hired at STBC, Ann Lewis started to work on March 2, 2020. She comes with much experience in management. The position has been restructured to address the many business operations the Tribe currently manages.

The STBC board has not yet made a decision on the existing plan to manage all business enterprises.

Coronavirus

As many of you are aware, this virus has increased in numbers across the



Delores Pigsley

nation. Our Tribe has taken many precautions to prevent getting the virus both at Chinook Winds and within Tribal administration. Extreme cleanliness has been invoked and all training travel has been canceled for the near future.

For the first time ever, Chinook Winds Casino Resort has been temporarily closed. All workers, whether reporting for work or staying home, will receive full pay for the next couple of weeks. An assessment will then be done to determine if the virus has become controlled or has escalated.

Tribal administration will provide essential services, by phone if at all possible. The health clinic remains open to provide essential services. It is preferred if you need care to call first.

It's important that we take the utmost care in our personal lives and protect families and elders who may be vulnerable.

Bless you all!



Courtesy photo

Bud Lane (left), Robert Kentta and Tim Pigsley at the installation of the story poles at Chemawa Indian School

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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.

National Congress of American Indians Call to Artists!

NCAI is holding its 77th Annual Convention & Marketplace on Nov. 8-13, 2020, in Portland, Ore., and is seeking artwork for the conference program cover from local Native artists in the Northwest region.

The artwork will be featured on the program cover with the artist's biography appearing on the back cover and in the marketing email broadcasts. One thousand nine hundred+ copies of the conference program will be printed, providing for broad exposure of the winning submission.

In addition, the winning artist will be offered a complimentary booth at the NCAI Marketplace.

Please submit original art in digital form by July 17, 2020.

If you have any questions, contact Amy Gay, director conferences and events, at 202-466-7767 or agay@ncai.org.

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