



Tribe names Smith as general manager; 3 grandchildren are enrolled Siletz

Gerald L. Smith, a member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, has been named the new general manager of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. His first day was Sept. 14.

Smith has served as the Tribal administrator (equivalent to general manager) of the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe in Fallon, Nev., the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation on the Idaho-Nevada state line and the Reno Sparks Indian Colony; and general manager for the Quileute Tribe in Washington state. He also has served as the chief operating officer for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, business manager/personnel at Chemawa Indian School in Salem, Ore., and has worked in organizations in New Mexico and Washington, D.C.

"I will dedicate myself to respect the mission, goals and objectives of the Siletz Tribe and to further develop the management team to positively achieve those responsibilities and to protect and fight for the Siletz Tribe and its Tribal members," said Smith. "From that work ethic, I want to make my family, especially my grandchildren, proud and respectful."

Smith has been a member of the Siletz Tribal Athletic Commission since 2001. The commission promotes and creates the rules and regulations for different types of

sports activities at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, Ore.

His hobby is boxing and he competed in his first boxing match at age 9. He has been a local and state boxing coach since 1980. While his current schedule limits his time, he assists when possible with basic training for the Rip City Boxing Team in Portland, Ore.

Smith was the manager of the 1996 USA Olympic Boxing Team that competed in Atlanta. Six team members later won professional boxing world titles, including Floyd Mayweather Jr., Fernando Vargas, Antonio Tarver, David Diaz, Eric Morel and David Reid.

For USA Boxing, Smith was the vice chairman of the International Committee. He was a national referee, judge, coach and manager. He said he was honored to serve on USA teams in Cuba (tournament), Russia (tournament), Thailand (World Cup), Poland, Germany (world championships), Ireland, Halifax and Ottawa (Canada Cup) in Canada, and national tournaments and dual country matches throughout the U.S.

Smith holds a bachelor's degree in business administration, personnel and industrial management, from the University of Oregon.

"After the first few days of employment, a couple of projects that require

immediate attention with the present COVID-19 and wildfire situations are that we need to review and further develop emergency operations for all types of emergencies and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)," said Smith. "This would include a total review of state, county, city, federal and Tribal responsibilities, communications and teamwork."

In addition to being an enrolled Warm Springs Tribal member, Smith has Tribal affiliation with the Jemez Pueblo in New Mexico and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in Scottsdale, Ariz.

His wife, Gloria Culbertson, is a Portland State University graduate and an enrolled member of the Fort Peck Tribes in Montana. Her mother, Tillie Thompson, is an enrolled member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribe in South Dakota.

Gerald and Gloria's three sons also are college graduates – Alexander from Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan., and Lonnie and James from Portland State.

James is married to Siletz Tribal member Theresa Smith and their three children – Sophia, Harry and Dean – are Siletz Tribal members. Three of Gerald and Gloria's eight grandchildren currently are attending college and two others are high school seniors.

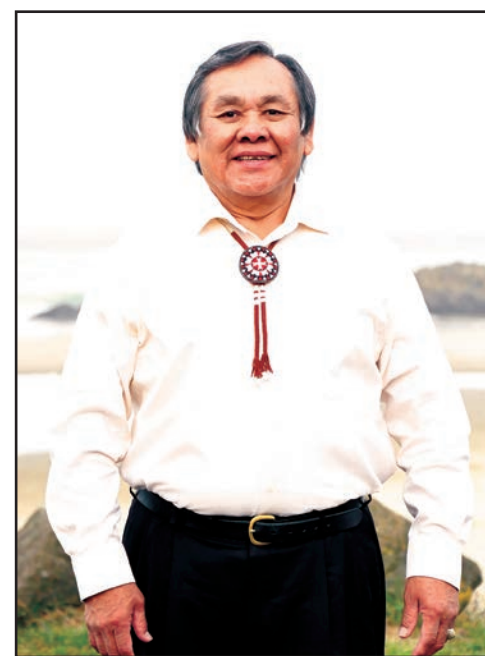


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Gerald L. Smith

"I found that there is a long list of subjects that have been sent my way. I would ask you to be patient and give me a few days to become oriented and learn the legal and proper policies and standard operating procedures. I have informed Tribal departments to not wait for me and to move positively and properly forward."

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NAYA, CDP, Siletz break ground on more affordable housing in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore. – Fresh off the success of opening the historic Nesika Illahee affordable housing development, the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) has again partnered with Community Development Partners (CDP) and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians to break ground on its latest project, Mamook Tokatee.

Mamook Tokatee, a Chinook Wawa phrase for "make beautiful," will create 56 units of affordable housing in Portland's Cully Neighborhood when completed. Mamook Tokatee will be the second time the partners have come together to construct affordable housing for Tribal members, Native families and others in Portland using funding from the Siletz Tribe's Indian Housing Block Grant.

Those funds have generally been used for affordable housing activities within reservation lands and allow for certain units to be reserved for Native tenants. Tribal funding will supplement other conventional sources of funding.

Mamook Tokatee is also NAYA's second affordable housing project in Cully co-owned and co-developed with CDP.

"CDP has had a wonderful experience partnering with NAYA and the Siletz Tribe on our second joint development focused on providing high quality affordable housing to urban Native Americans and Siletz Tribal members," said Eric Paine, chief executive officer of CDP, the project's developer. "Like our first project, Nesika Illahee, we've taken multiple complex funding sources and woven them together in order to create a model tailored to the Native family and artist population that will be calling the community home."

Intended to create affordable housing for American Indians and artists who have been pushed out of Portland due to skyrocketing housing costs, Mamook Tokatee will target Siletz Tribal members in Portland and the wider urban Native population particularly hard hit by the Portland housing crisis.

A recent report by the Portland Housing Bureau found that no neighborhoods in Portland have one- or two-bedroom apartments affordable enough for the average American Indian household that earns \$29,859 a year.

Adhering to Earth Advantage green building standards, the development was designed by Carleton Hart Architecture and construction by LMC Construction is cur-

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