

Chetco memorial

On Oct. 30, the Chetco Indian Memorial in Brookings, Ore., was dedicated. It was a beautiful day for this event. (photo below, Shirley Walker (left) and Donna Woods).

Many thanks to the board that has worked on this for the past 20 years, specifically Adrienne Crookes for seeing the project through to the end. The late

Linda Timeus worked tirelessly to keep the project alive over the years. There was also lots of local support.

When in Brookings, be sure to stop and visit the memorial.

COVID-19

The pandemic is still very much alive in Oregon as well as the nation. The



governor issued new orders for two weeks beginning Nov. 16; hopefully the new rules will have a big effect on the disease.

Our Tribe has been lucky so far in keeping the numbers down, but we must remain vigilant and follow the protocols.

Salem casino

The Tribe continues to work on the Salem casino project. Our application to have the land used for gaming (environmental approval) is pending with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C. It's a slow process and with the change in administration coming in January, it may slow down even more.

We continue to meet with Oregon Tribes and other officials to address any questions they may have.

Salem proclamation

The City of Salem recognized Oregon Tribes by passing the Native American Heritage Month Proclamation (below) at a City Council meeting on Oct. 26, 2020. Tribes are very appreciative.

NCAI

The National Congress of American Indians held the annual meeting that was scheduled for Portland, Ore., during the week of Nov. 9 virtually. It was not the same as when we greeted each other and were able to confer over many issues. It was difficult to enroll and contribute, but important business was conducted on behalf of the Tribes.



Delores Pigsley

Elections

The national elections are finally over and hopefully the government and Congress are ready to resume business. We will see many new faces in the administration and look forward to working with those in charge.

Tribal elections will be held as usual. Those declaring to run for council must do it in the timeframe designated in the Election Ordinance (see pages 3 and 19 in this issue of *Siletz News* for information on the election). Please make sure you are registered to vote.

I'm sorry we all cannot gather for Tribal events and funeral services. I hope the new year is much better.

Stay safe and healthy!

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Native Americans are descendants of the indigenous inhabitants of what is now the United States, and have moving stories of tragedy, triumph, and perseverance that needs to be shared with future generations; and

WHEREAS, our country is blessed by the character and strength exemplified by Native Americans who have answered the call of service in our armed forces in greater numbers per capita than another other group; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and deeply appreciate all that Native Americans have contributed through their generosity of culture, and the continued practice of teaching economic, environmental, as well as cultural sustainability; and

WHEREAS, we at the city of Salem affirm our commitment to working toward a community that fosters a deeper understanding appreciation for the diversity of our cultures, and celebrate all that Native Americans have contributed to make Salem a richer and more vibrant city; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim November 2020, as

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

and ask that all residents of Salem join me in this special tribute to celebrate the contributions of Native Americans to our city and state, and commemorate this month with appropriate program and activities.

DATED this twenty-sixth day of October 2020.



Chuck Bennett
 Chuck Bennett
 Mayor