

COVID status

The good news is that Lincoln County permanently moved to the low-risk category for COVID-19 guidelines. This is very good news for the county.

The Tribe remains in phase one of its COVID operational plan. This plan will be reviewed, however, to determine when to implement phase two. The casino continues to require masks and has limited hours; that too will be reviewed.

It is still important to get vaccinated if you haven't already done so. Our clinic has held vaccine days once a week and has done a great job distributing vaccines to anyone who requests them.

Consent Decree

The Tribe continues to work with the powers that be to abolish the Tribe's Consent Decree. The Siletz and Grand

Ronde Tribes are the only Tribes in the U.S. that were required to give up certain hunting and fishing rights in order to gain restoration/federal recognition.

Our governor is supportive of the Tribe's process to move forward with legislation to assist in abolishing the decree.

Chemawa cemetery

The House of Tears from Bellingham, Wash., headed by Lummi artist Jewell James and Fred Lane, brought a beautiful carved commemorative totem to the Chemawa Indian School cemetery in Salem, Ore., on their tour of sacred sights, where a short memorial took place. James, Lane and their entourage recognized those who are buried at the cemetery.

The tour of this totem is in celebration of 20 years of the House of Tears Totem Pole Journey in the spirit of Healing,

Honor, Hospitality, Respect and Protection. The tour will make many stops throughout the Northwest then it will proceed across the country, ending up in Washington, D.C., at the White House.

This tour to Washington, D.C., is called the Red Road to D.C. Totem Pole Journey. The House of Tears has carved many other totems that remain all over the U.S. in significant and sacred places. The totem was brought to Lincoln City, Ore., on May 28, where a ceremony took place.

Vaccinations

Thank you to all of you who chose to receive a COVID vaccination; it's the only way this virus can be wiped out. Please call the Siletz Clinic if you missed the opportunity to get vaccinated; the Chemawa Clinic (Western Oregon Service Unit) is also providing vaccinations.



Delores Pigsley

See information about COVID-19 vaccines on page 10.

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

The Elders Council will hold a virtual Zoom meeting on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 1 p.m. If you are interested in participating in the virtual meeting from your phone, computer or smart phone, please contact Brian Crump in the Elders Program at 541-444-8233 by Wednesday, June 9, 2021.

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