

First Peoples Fund

The First Peoples Fund is a nonprofit founded in 1995 to honor and support Tribal artists and culture bearers. Its office is located in Rapid City, S.D., and its board members are made up of several Tribes across the U.S. It provides trainings and promotes community-level and entrepreneurial spirit.

In July I was invited to participate on a panel with two other Tribal leaders to discuss Siletz history as well as Tribal sovereignty. The event occurred at the Kennedy Center for Performing Art in Washington, D.C.

Several training sessions were held as well as a wonderful performance by Tribal people on the many issues that face Tribes. It was actually a sold out performance.

Chinook Winds

The Tribal Council approved hiring a new general manager for Chinook Winds Resort Casino. His name is Harold Baugus; he comes to us from Tucson, Ariz., and started on July 25.

We very much appreciate John Wheeler serving as our interim general manager for the past eight months.

The casino still operates on reduced hours because of the labor shortage. Most COVID restrictions have been reduced. An increase in COVID cases in the area, according to weekly and daily reports, has been a concern for casino and Tribal administration.

The casino did have a great anniversary weekend!

Siletz Valley Charter School

Siletz Valley Charter School principal Sam Tupou recently left the school. The school board will work toward replacing him.

Tribal member Kent Rilatos was recently hired by the board. Welcome, Kent!

Negotiations with ODFW

Negotiations with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife have continued. We are close to a final agreement that will be presented at the General Council meeting this month (see agenda on page 4).

We have great support from the governor as well as our congressional delegation to see this process through and be rid of the Consent Decree.

Pow-Wow update

We will have a one-day Siletz pow-wow on Government Hill on Aug. 13 (see page 1). It will not be a contest pow-wow; we will have vendors and a salmon dinner. Hope to see you all there.

Salem casino

The Tribe is addressing issues raised in the property's environmental assessment for the Salem casino. The project has been supported by the community and I have made presentations to anyone who asks for information.

Siletz Community Clinic

Interviews are currently taking place for the director of the Siletz Clinic. Marci Muschamp left the clinic for another position outside of the Tribe. It is hoped we will have a new director in place very soon.

See you all at the pow-wow!



Delores Pigsley

Elders Council Meeting

The Elders Council meeting scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 13, has been canceled.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17, at 1 p.m.

Siletz Tribal offices will close at noon on Friday, Aug. 12, prior to the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow on Saturday, Aug. 13.

Tribal offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5, for the Labor Day holiday.

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