

Salem Casino

The Environmental Assessment (EA) on the Salem casino property has been complete. It is now pending in the central office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). They will make a formal decision on the EA, hopefully soon.

The Section 20 application to have land in trust for gaming is still pending with the BIA.

Bud Lane and I have been meeting with Oregon legislators and other elected officials that have an interest in our plan, even those who may not be in favor. So far those meetings have gone very well. There are several new faces in the State legislature.

I continue to meet with the North Salem Neighborhood Association whenever they ask. Those meetings are to keep them informed and respond to any questions they may have.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

We are currently at a standstill, waiting to complete further negotiations. Hopefully we will be able to move forward in the near future.

Chinook Restoration

Bud and Lane and I are hoping to have a meeting with the officials of the Chinook Restoration folks. Our tribe wants to be able to support their plan to restore them to federal recognition. It has been a bit controversial since their plan includes the Chinooks and Clatsop tribal members that are currently enrolled with our tribe.

The tribe wants to support them but to make sure that their Restoration doesn't infringe on Siletz northern boundaries. Siletz has about 1,000 members who have Clatsop/Chinook blood.

Affiliated Tribes of NorthWest Indians (ATNI)

Oregon Tribes hosted the ATNI quarterly meeting in Portland in January. It turned out to be one of the biggest meetings ever. Oregon tribes show cased their programs at the Market place where there were many tribal vendors, it was at the Doubletree Hotel, it was a very successful event. On the agenda were speakers from Central office in DC, the White House and local BIA officials.

Chemawa Station

At our last Chemawa Station meeting members approved changes to the master plan for the future of the property. There is great interest from other businesses since the Gas station and Chick Fillet have opened. We look forward and welcome other businesses



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to this unique property that is owned by our Tribe and the Grand Ronde tribe.

Elders Council Meeting

The Elders Council will host an in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at 1 p.m. in the Shasta room at Chinook Winds Casino Resort Lincoln City, Ore.

If you have any questions, please contact the Elders Program at 541-444-8212.

Most Often Requested Numbers

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| Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians – 800-922-1399 | Siletz Community Health Clinic – 800-648-0449 |
| Salem Area Office – 503-390-9494 | Siletz Behavioral Health – 800-600-5599 |
| Portland Area Office – 503-238-1512 | Chinook Winds Casino Resort – 888-244-6665 |
| Eugene Area Office – 541-484-4234 | Chemawa Health Clinic – 800-452-7823 |
| Purchased Referred Care (PRC) – 800-628-5720 | Bureau of Indian Affairs – 800-323-8517 |
| Tribal Veterans Rep – 541-444-8330 or 541-270-0569 | Website – www.ctsi.nsn.us |

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2023 College Students Summer Internship Program

Students attending college can apply for the Tribe's 2023 College Students Summer Internship Program. To be eligible, you must be at least a half-time student attending a two-year or four-year college and in good academic standing.

Applications will be mailed to known students, but if you do not receive an application, please contact Chief Administrative Officer Lisa Norton or the education specialists at any Tribal area office to request one.

The purpose of the program is to provide funding for a paid internship to Tribal students to gain work experience in their field of study that will help them be competitive in the job market after graduation. Ten slots are available, paid at Tribal minimum wage for up to 350 hours.

Students will be responsible for securing their own placement. We are available to assist, but ultimately it is the student's responsibility to locate and develop a placement. A limited number of placements are available with the Tribe. Due to COVID, at this point most Tribal placements will likely be remote.

Students selected for the program must complete an orientation, criminal history background check and drug screening (Note: The Tribe does not recognize Oregon laws allowing the use of medical or recreational marijuana).

Placements can begin in June and must be completed by Sept. 30, 2023.

Students should send a completed application and an unofficial copy of transcripts to:

Mail: CTSI
Attn: Summer Internship Program
P.O. Box 549
Siletz, OR 97380-0549

Online: www.ctsi.nsn.us/summer-intern-application/

Email: collegeinterns@ctsi.nsn.us

Fax: 541-444-2307

The deadline to apply for the program is **4:30 p.m. on March 31, 2023.**

If you have questions about the program, please contact Norton at the above email address or by calling 541-444-8210.

Send information to:

Siletz News
P.O. Box 549
Siletz, OR 97380-0549
541-444-8291 or
800-922-1399, ext. 1291
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