

Siletz Tribe Donates \$24,500 for Taft High School

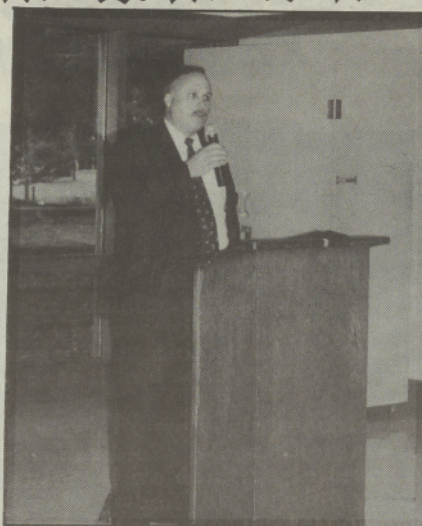
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The Lincoln County School District on Saturday (November 18) received a formal pledge from the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians for \$24,500 to buy land for a new high school in Lincoln City.

During a ceremony at the tribe's annual Restoration Powwow, tribal officials presented the proclamation to Lincoln County School Board Vice Chairman Doug Hunt.

"We thought it was important because we had agreed to make certain donations to the school district, and that was one of the things that was pretty apparent that was needed," Tribal Chairperson Delores Pigsley said Tuesday.

LCSD did not include the \$24,500 in the \$38.9 million school bond approved by voters last May because officials believed Lincoln City planned to donate the property. City officials, however, said they could not donate the land because it was encumbered by a



Lincoln County School Board Vice-Chairman Doug Hunt spoke at Restoration Ceremonies & accepted the pledge for \$24,500 on behalf of the School District

bond debt, and the city needed to recoup at least the land's assessed value when the transfer occurred.

The school district will use the land as part of the campus of the new Taft High School in Lincoln City. The existing high school is one of the most overcrowded school facilities in the county.

Despite rumors in Lincoln City that the Tribe plans to give larger sums to the school district, Pigsley said nothing was planned yet., "We've been talking about different ideas but we haven't arrived at any conclusions yet," she said. "I'm sure we will"

LCSD Superintendent Skip Liebertz, who missed the Saturday ceremony to attend the University of Oregon/Oregon State University football game in Eugene, said the district will continue to discuss its financial needs with the Tribes.

"I believe that we will have continuing conversations with the Tribe about how we can work together to improve education in Lincoln County," he said Tuesday. "And so I view them as one other partner in this county. They're an important organization and we will continue to work with them to see how we can improve."



This awesome figure painted by Peggy O'Neal can be seen in our new Administration Building.



Thank you to the kitchen volunteers for a yummy meal at Restoration!!!!



Congratulations to Siletz Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley selected as Woman of the Year by NCAI for her leadership in tribal government!