

Museum receives \$5,000 contribution from Siletz

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians contributed \$5,000 recently to the Museum at Warm Springs.

The contribution will help the museum with its Creating Art for Ceremony project. The funds can be used for supplies and a teacher for beaded bags, drums, chaps, shawls and gloves.

The contribution to the museum was one of 31 that the Siletz made this year to various organizations.

The tribe contributed a total of \$196,623 this year.

The checks were presented at the Siletz' Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City.

Others receiving contributions included: the Eddyville Charter School in Two Rivers; the Two Stories outdoor project for Eddyville and Siletz Valley school students; the Tribal Leadership Forum for the Great Tribal Leaders of Modern Times program.

Also: KPTV/KPDX Television received a contribution for a Native American education and wellness campaign; and the Philomath Police Department received funding for four digital video units.



Siletz representatives (at left and right) present the \$5,000 contribution to Raymond and Beulah Tsumpti, representing the Museum at Warm Springs.

"The Siletz tribe is proud of its contributions through employment, monetary donations, and cooperative measures to the Siletz community, Lincoln County and the state of Oregon," the tribe said in a statement.

"The tribe has honored its tradition

of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$6.6 million through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and other Tribal resources."

Chinook Winds has donated more than \$1.25 million in cash and fund-

raising items since it opened in 1995.

The casino also provides in-kind donations of convention space for various fund-raisers as well as technical support, advertising and manpower for many events.

Eligibility for money from the Charitable Contribution Fund is limited to two categories:

Entities and activities located in the Siletz tribe's 11-county service area (Lincoln, Tillamook, Linn, Lane, Benton, Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties); and,

Native American entities and activities located anywhere in the United States.

The next deadline to submit applications is Dec. 12, 2008. Applications and requirements can be obtained at:

www.ctsi.nsn.us/Charitable_Contributions.html; from Kelley Ellis at 800-922-1399, ext. 1227, or 541-444-8227.

Or by mail at Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

Election

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Ponsford received 412 votes to Wayne Fording's 100 in the precinct. Fording won the countywide vote.

The Warm Springs area voters also favored Democrat Mike Ahern for District 59 of the state House of Representative. Ahern received 464 votes to Republican incumbent John Huffman's 63 votes. Huffman won the district-wide vote.

Warm Springs residents voted in favor of the Central Oregon Community College bond proposal, calling for COCC expansion including development of facilities in Madras. The measure was defeated district-wide.

Ballot measures

The tribal vote favored Measure 54, which amends the state Constitution, standardizing voter eligibility for school board elections with other state and local elections. The measure passed statewide.

The tribal vote favored Measure 55, which amends the Constitution, changing operative date of redistricting plans; allowing affected legislators to finish term in original district. This also passed statewide.

The tribal vote favored Measure 56, which amends the Constitution, providing that May and November property tax elections are decided by majority of voters voting. The measure passed statewide.

The tribal vote favored Measure 57, increasing sentences for drug trafficking, theft against elderly and specified repeat property and identity theft crimes; requiring addiction treatment for certain offenders. The measure passed statewide.

The tribal vote was against Measure 58, which would have prohibited teaching public school students in a language other than English for more than two years. The measure also failed statewide.

The tribal vote was against Measure 59, which would have created an unlimited deduction for federal income taxes on individual taxpayers' Oregon income-tax returns. The measure failed statewide.

The tribal vote was against Measure 60, which would have used teacher "classroom performance," not seniority, in determining pay raises; "most qualified" teachers would be retained, regardless of seniority. The measure also failed statewide.

The tribal vote was in favor of Measure 61, which would have created mandatory minimum prison sentences for certain theft, identity theft, forgery, drug, and burglary crimes. The measure failed statewide.

The tribal vote was against Measure 62, which would have amended the Constitution, allocating 15 percent of lottery proceeds to a public safety fund for crime prevention, investigation and prosecution. The measure failed statewide.

The tribes voted against Measure 63, which would have exempted specified property owners from building permit requirements for improvements valued at or under \$35,000. The measure failed statewide.

The tribes voted against Measure 64, which would penalize a person or entity for using funds collected with a "public resource" for a "political purpose." The measure failed statewide.

The tribes voted against Measure 65, which would have changed general election nomination processes for major/minor party, and independent candidates for most partisan offices. The measure failed statewide.

More News from Indian Country

N. Ky. Indian hunt-and-kill site a rare find

UNION, Ky. (AP) — Archaeologists have dug up and will display evidence of an American Indian bison hunt that happened hundreds of years ago in northern Kentucky.

Evidence at the site shows hunters killed and butchered the animals with stone tools, leaving the bones and tools behind.

The bones were discovered in Big Bone Creek several years ago but left there.

Staff from the Cincinnati Museum Center and volunteers spent a week in

August digging up the artifacts.

Glenn Storrs, head curator for vertebrate paleontology at the center, got permission from the state to dig while the creek's water was down. Though it was already low, part of the river had to be dammed and water was pumped out.

"This is one of the very few documented bison hunt-and-kill sites in the Ohio Valley, so it's very exciting," Storrs told The Kentucky Enquirer.

And the job turned out to be more than he expected.

"It became a very exciting discovery, really," he said. "What started out as just a few bones became 500 to 600 bones and bone fragments of four to five bison."

The tools and bones from the site are between 200 and 600 years old and date to the Fort Ancient culture.

Storrs and his team believe the hunters either drove the bison to the creek or cornered them there, and then killed them, he said.

The artifacts indicate the hunters used the tools to break the bison skulls

on flat stones in the creek bed to get to the brains, which were used in tanning, and the tongue, a delicacy.

Bison bones have been found at Big Bone before but most had been washed down from the original kill sites.

The archaeologists are still analyzing the bones, Storrs said, and they will eventually be displayed at the Cincinnati Museum Center.

Next year, the North American Paleontological Convention will be held in Cincinnati and the artifacts will be featured.

Indian education conference set

WAYNE, Neb. (AP) — Nearly 400 people are expected to attend this year's Native American Symposium at Wayne State College later this week.

Native American education will be the focus of the Thursday conference, being held by the Nebraska

Department of Education.

Kevin Locke is a member of the Lakota Tribe and will speak on Native American culture at the conference. Locke also will perform as part of the daylong event.

Activities include sessions related to diversity and education, as well as pre-

sentations by Mary Schlieder, the Nebraska 2008 teacher of the year.

Performances and art work by Native American student groups and students also will be highlighted during the event.

Native summit set for Juneau

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — This year's Southeast Alaska Native summit kicks off this week in Juneau.

Energy and the regional economy are the focus of the three-day event taking place at Juneau's Centennial Hall.

Percy Frisby with the Tlingit Haida Central Council says there are more than 150 participants ranging from federal and state agencies to private companies.

Wind River Reservation cracking down on DUI

LANDER, Wyo. (AP) — The Wind River Indian Reservation has toughened its drunken-driving standards for tribal members.

The Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho tribes share the reservation in central Wyoming.

The new legal blood-alcohol limit on the reservation is 0.05 percent.

That's just half of the reservation's old limit of 0.1 percent and lower than Wyoming's standard of 0.08 percent.

Eastern Shoshone tribal Chairman Ivan Posey pushed for the lower limit, saying that drunken driving is one of the main causes of premature death on the reservation.

Mark Howell is spokesman for the Northern Arapaho Tribe. He says that the new limits apply only to tribal members on the reservation.

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