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Tribal Council members Tina Retasket, Loraine Butler, Reggie and Lillie Butler and I attended the National Congress of American Indians in Albuquerque, N.M., in mid-November. Important national issues were addressed at the meeting by several Tribal leaders, congressmen and Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar.

In addition, this was the first time we had an opportunity to present a review of our book, *The People Are Dancing Again*. I introduced Charles Wilkinson to the audience and he did a superb job of reviewing the book.

The audience was extremely supportive of both Charles and the book. I am pleased to report that it was a warm reception and several books were sold.

On Friday, prior to Restoration Day, I drove Charles to Siletz to begin the first distribution of the book to Tribal members. We were excited as Tribal members picked up their books and had Charles sign them. It was a long day as he did the same thing in Lincoln City on Friday afternoon and during the Restoration Day activities right up to the beginning of the pow-wow.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to Charles for telling our story in a way no one else could have. It has been a real pleasure to have known and worked with Charles during the past 30+ years. He is so excited and passionate about our book and it showed in his enjoyment of the book signing events.

Enjoy the book.

Restoration Day

We enjoyed a wonderful Restoration Day with guests, family and friends. The audience truly appreciated the presentation by our special guest John Echohawk, executive director of the Native American Rights Fund, and by Gov. Victor Atiyeh.

It was a grand occasion as we were joined by Charles' family as well as many other special guests. Hiroto (Zak) Zakoji's family joined us in a memorial to Zak, who passed away in July.

During Gov. Atiyeh's presentation, he informed the Tribe that The Museum of Warm Springs' Board of Directors

and Board of Regents have selected the Siletz Tribe to receive the 2011 "Lifetime Achievement Award."

In a letter of notification to the Tribe it says: "We are proud of the steadfast determination of Siletz in seeking restoration of your tribe and becoming the first in Oregon to reach this historic goal. The award also recognizes the continuing contributions, accomplishments and enduring leadership of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz."

Our Tribe will proudly receive this award in April 2011 at the Ninth Annual Honor Dinner along with the second awardee, Commander John B. Herrington, the first American Indian astronaut who was a crew member on the space shuttle Endeavour.

I want to personally thank the Restoration Committee - Tina Restasket, Ed Ben and Sharon Edenfield; our Tribal staff (Bud Lane for the photo loops and calendar); Tribal Elders for the table decorations; and Chinook Winds staff for all their help in making the 33rd celebration one of the most memorable.

Chairman's Report

Most Often Requested Numbers

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
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Portland Area Office 503-238-1512	Chemawa Health Clinic 800-452-7823
Eugene Area Office 541-484-4234	Bureau of Indian Affairs 800-323-8517
Contract Health Services (CHS) 800-628-5720	Website www.ctsi.nsn.us

Computer Program Has Limited Funding Through End of Year

The program has a limited amount of funding available for the remainder of 2010 to purchase desktop and laptop computers.

New desktop applicants or individuals wishing to replace their 2002 and 2003 desktop units are encouraged to submit a completed application immediately. Higher education and AVT students are encouraged to do the same to receive a laptop.

To request an application, please call 541-444-2532 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1200 for Rosie Williams or ext. 1201 for Darlene Carkhuff.

CTSI Jobs

Tribal employment information is available at www.ctsi.nsn.us.

Note: "Open Until Filled" vacancies may close at any time. The Tribe's Indian Preference policy will apply. Tribal government will not discriminate in selection because of race, creed, age, sex, color, national origin, physical handicap, marital status, politics, membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

CTSI constantly is looking for temporary employees to cover vacancy, vacations, maternity leave and extended sick leave. If you are retired, a homemaker or a student and are looking for temporary work that can last from two weeks to 12 weeks, please submit a temporary application for the temp pool.

Elders' Council Meeting

Dec. 11

1-4 p.m.

Chinook Winds Casino Resort

For more information, please contact April Bender at 800-922-1399, ext. 1225; 541-444-8225; or april@ctsi.nsn.us

Tribal Children Need Foster Parents

Do you value Siletz Native culture and want to help preserve it? If so, please consider fostering for the Tribe. The Siletz Tribe needs loving, stable, nurturing homes in all areas.

If you are interested, please contact Shawna Henarie, foster care certifier, at 541-444-8275 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1275; or visit www.ctsi.nsn, click on Tribal Services, then Employment & Social Services, then Indian Child Welfare.



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