

Chairman's Report

An Oregon Tribes meeting was held at Chemawa Indian School on Jan. 13. I was asked to chair the meeting.

Our special guests included Larry Echo Hawk, assistant secretary of Indian Affairs; Keith Moore director of Indian Education; Stan Speaks, Northwest Regional director; Jon Claymore, Regional education director; and assistants Michelyne, Kevin Bear Quiver and Brian Newland. The meeting agenda was about Chemawa, so it was important and significant that our government leaders were there.

Chief Joe Moses of Warm Springs, Echo Hawk, Moore, the Student Council, School Superintendent Craig Wellman and I toured the Chemawa school property. I was asked to narrate the tour since I had lived at the school, or nearby, for most of my life. The tour included the old campus, cemetery and nearby properties such as the Chemawa Station that the Tribe currently owns.

The Tribes and our visitors attended a school assembly where the guests got

to talk directly to the students. They were received with much appreciation. Siletz hosted a luncheon at Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort prior to our afternoon meeting.

For the past eight years, Oregon Tribes have sought to have the school property taken into trust to preserve the land and save it from further attempts to take pieces of the property.

Draft legislation has been completed and resolutions from the Oregon Tribes as well as the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, the National Congress of American Indians and the Chemawa School Board were presented to the folks from Washington, D.C. All the Tribes present had the opportunity to speak regarding Chemawa. Echo Hawk and Speaks both pledged their support in going forward.

Tribes now must lobby their congressional delegation to have the legislation introduced. Bud Lane and I had several appointments in Washington, D.C., in January to not only address the Chemawa issue but also several other Tribal issues.

Needless to say, it was an historic meeting with all the visitors from Washington. The students and staff were very much appreciated for their participation.

Meeting with Lincoln City mayor

After the holidays I had the opportunity to meet with the new mayor of Lincoln City, Dick Anderson. He had served on the City Council in the past, so we were already acquainted.

We discussed issues of mutual interest. He was very nice and forthcoming about our good relationship and wants to continue to keep the lines of communication open.

The Tribe and the city usually meet a couple of times during the year to keep each other updated on projects and issues. The Tribe will host the next meeting in Siletz.

Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB)

At the end of January, our Tribe hosted the NPAIHB at Chinook Winds. Northwest Tribes said goodbye to Doni Wilder, area director of Indian Health for the Northwest region, with a special dinner.

Doni has had a long career working with us, NPAIHB and the federal government. I first got to know Doni when she was our Title IV coordinator.

She went on to other management positions with the Tribe in administration, economic development and health. We were sorry to lose her as she got married and moved to Portland to work for the



Delores Pigsley

Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. She later became director of the board, then moved on to her position at the Indian Health Service in Portland.

We wish Doni the best in her retirement. She did a great job for Siletz and the Northwest. We will miss her guidance, wisdom and friendship.

Feather Dance

The feather dance I attended on the last night of our Solstice celebration had 42 youth dancing. It was an extraordinarily large group of dedicated youth.

Visitors from the U.S. Attorney's office joined us for the salmon dinner and the dance.

Much credit goes to the parents; grandparents; Bud, Cheryl, Alissa and Buddy Lane; Robert Kentta; Mona Fisher; and many volunteers for making the event a success.

Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
Feb. 7 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
March 7 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
Feb. 14 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
March 14 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
Feb. 8 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
March 8 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
Feb. 15 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
March 15 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Classes begin with basic instruction and progress over the year. They also are a refresher course for more-advanced students. Come and join other members of your community and Tribe in learning to speak one of our ancient languages.

We also have equipment in the Cultural Department available for use in grinding and drilling shell or pine nuts or other applications. If you need to use the equipment, call the number below to set up an appointment.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Cultural Department at 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

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

Salem Finance Office
888-870-9051

Chinook Winds Casino Resort
888-244-6665

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

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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