



Delores Pigsley

Chairman's Report

Committees

A planning session was held for those who volunteered to serve on standing committees. Each committee was given the opportunity to set goals for itself in the coming year. The session was very well-attended by committee members, staff and the Tribal Council.

Since I serve as an ex-officio member of all the committees, it's nice to meet everyone who has volunteered their time to serve and show interest in the Tribe's

business. It's a great way to express your concerns, give feedback and recommend changes that need to be made.

Committees follow the Committee Ordinance, hold scheduled meetings, advise the Tribal Council on issues, set goals, act as a lower court in some instances and can make a huge difference in how the Tribe moves forward.

I appreciate those Tribal members who have served on committees for years. We do get a few new names from Tribal

members to serve. When the applications to serve are submitted, I make a recommendation to the Tribal Council. My goal is always to keep those with experience, but also to assign new members so they have the opportunity to contribute.

As I said, it's a great way to participate in the Tribe's long-term goals and rewarding to those who serve. Thank you to all of you who have taken the time to serve.

Time to gather basket-making materials; Cultural Department can help

Spring is here and very soon hazel sticks will be ready to pick and peel.

Hazel stick gathering is a must for anyone interested in making traditional Siletz baskets. Spruce root can be dug all year round and is used for the weavers or weft of Siletz baskets.

Bear grass and maidenhair fern are used for overlay to make our traditional

designs or marks in our baskets and both are picked in late summer.

Any Tribal members interested in gathering can call Bud Lane at 800-922-1399, ext. 1320, or 541-444-8320, or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us. Just a reminder – basket materials must be gathered in a timely fashion.

Here is a general breakdown of gathering times for different materials:

May

Hazel, willow, and fir sticks, spruce roots

June

Hazel, willow and fir sticks (until mid-June), spruce roots

July

Fir sticks, spruce roots, bear grass, maidenhair fern

August

Fir sticks, spruce roots, bear grass, maidenhair fern, hazel sticks (limited), willow sticks

September

Bear grass, maidenhair fern, woodwardia fern, spruce roots

Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
April 4 – 6-8 p.m.
May 2 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
April 11 – 6-8 p.m.
May 16 – 6-8 p.m.

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
April 5 – 6-8 p.m.
May 3 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
April 12 – 6-8 p.m.
May 17 – 6-8 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.

Elders Honor Day

April 5 • Chinook Winds Casino Resort
8 a.m. – Registration
10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. – Elders Honor Day

Elders Council Meeting

April 9 • 2-5 p.m. • Chinook Winds Golf Resort

For more information, please contact Rachele Endres at 800-922-1399, ext. 1261; 541-444-8261; or rachelee@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.



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

Send letters to:

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