

Chairman's Report

A statement from Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley, as read by Tribal Vice Chairman Bud Lane at the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow on Aug. 13, 2011:

Sen. Mark O. Hatfield

We are proud to have known Sen. Hatfield for many years. We dedicate this year's pow-wow to his memory.

We ask for a moment of silence in his remembrance.

Many years ago our first association with the then state representative and later the Senate rep was through Joe Lane, who was the Marion County precinct chairman. They formed a friendship that lasted through the years.

When Sen. Hatfield went to Washington, D.C., he had Oregon in his mind and his heart. We will always be grateful for the funding of OHSU, the Hatfield Marine Science Center and mostly for the restoration of our Tribe.

Representatives of the Tribe first met with the senator back in 1972, after

the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin was restored. The senator was very helpful to Siletz and introduced legislation in the Senate in 1974 to restore the Tribe. Because there was no like House bill, this died at the end of the congressional session.

In 1976, the senator introduced the Siletz Restoration Act and a hearing was held in Washington, D.C. The senator was our strongest advocate. Our Restoration Act passed both chambers on Nov. 18, 1977.

Because we didn't get any land in the Restoration Act, the senator assured us that a follow-up bill would be introduced to designate a reservation. In the meantime, we were designated a service area in which we could provide programmatic services. True to his word, a Reservation Act was passed in 1980 designating a 3,600-acre reservation.

Serving on the Senate Select Committee for Indian Affairs, he helped all the nation's Tribes with the work and passage of the Indian Self-Determination Act.

He was very active on many legislative fronts for Tribes. Our Tribal Council met with him numerous times over the years in D.C. and at home. He always graciously listened to our concerns and took appropriate action.

He visited with Tribal representatives when we danced at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival on the National Mall in June of 1976.

In addition to our Tribal restoration, he was the champion of other Oregon Tribes' restoration.

Because of our small scattered land base, we needed his help in getting land in trust for gaming. Once again he came to our rescue; the result is Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

Today we honor a great man who not only served the nation and Oregon but especially the Oregon Tribes and specifically our Tribe, who is so proud to have known him.

Our condolences to the senator's family.



Delores Pigsley



Courtesy photo by Felicia Carmona

Jack Cagey, Lummi Tribal Elder, holds the hand-crafted glass salmon presented to him by the Siletz Elders Council at the Lummi Elder Honor Day.

STBC encourages Tribal members to apply for position at Imprints

We currently are seeking résumés from Tribal members for an assistant/trainee position at the Imprints print shop in Lincoln City, Ore., which is owned by the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation.

All interested parties can contact Stephen Larrabee by e-mail at slarrabee@stbcorp.net or by calling 541-994-2142 or 877-564-7298 to get more information.

A complete job description can be found on the STBC website – stbcorp.net.

Elders Council Meeting

Sept. 17 • 1-4 p.m.

Chinook Winds Casino Resort

For more details, contact Rachelle Endres at 800-922-1399, ext. 1261; 541-444-8261; or rachellee@ctsi.nsn.us

Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
Sept. 6 – 6-8 p.m.
Oct. 10 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
Sept. 12 – 6-8 p.m.
Oct. 17 – 6-8 p.m.

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
Sept. 7 – 6-8 p.m.
Oct. 11 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
Sept. 13 – 6-8 p.m.
Oct. 18 – 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.

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