

Tribal Council has been busy with many activities in the past month.

We still hope to get a hearing on our reservation boundary legislation. Congress, as you all know, has been busy dealing with major national issues that affect us all.

The Chemawa legislation has not yet been introduced. Eight of the Oregon Tribes are supporting this as well as the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and the National Congress of American Indians.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has indicated there are no environmental issues, which was an earlier concern. Bud Lane and Robert Kentta visited with our congressional delegation, asking them to go forward with the introduction of the proposed legislation.

The good news – our cell tower is in place in Siletz. You now will be able to get AT&T cell coverage in the area.

I would like to personally thank our Tribal veterans, organized by Tony Molina, for excellent representation at Tribal events and other events, like the Celebration of Honor that recently took place at the casino in Lincoln City. The weather doesn't always cooperate but we can count on our veterans to be present whenever asked. They truly are an honorable group.

**Restoration Celebration**

Our 34<sup>th</sup> Restoration Celebration will take place Nov. 19 at Chinook Winds. Our guest speaker this year will be Billy Frank of Frank's Landing in Washington state. He was an early activist in the salmon wars and continues as an activist today. You definitely will enjoy listening to Billy on Restoration Day.

According to the website [billyfrankjr.wordpress.com](http://billyfrankjr.wordpress.com):

"Billy Frank Jr. of the Nisqually Indian Tribe has been chairman of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC) for 22 years. In this capacity, he "speaks for the salmon" on behalf of 20 treaty Indian Tribes in Western Washington.

"Under his leadership, the Tribal role over the past 30 years has evolved from that of activists fighting the state to secure fishing rights reserved in treaties with the United States government to managers of the resource. Supported by the NWIFC, the Tribes are unsurpassed in their abilities as natural resource managers.

"In the 1960s and early '70s, Frank was a grassroots political activist who was frequently jailed for his role in civil disobedience, which involved taking part in numerous 'fish-ins' in opposition to state authority over the Tribes.

"Years of resistance finally paid off when federal court ruled in favor of the Tribes in U.S. v. Washington, the 'Boldt Decision' of 1974. The ruling, supported by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1979, reaffirmed the treaty-protected fishing rights of the Tribes. Among other things, the ruling stated that the Tribes have a right to catch up to 50 percent of the harvestable resource and that the state and the Tribes must manage the resource as co-managers.

"NWIFC was formed in 1975 to support Tribal fisheries management activities and to enable the Tribes to speak with a united voice. In addition to helping the Tribes develop cooperative fisheries plans, the NWIFC board of commissioners and the commission staff help coordinate such programs as enhancement and habitat management.

"This example of state/Tribal cooperation has had its challenges, but it has been fundamentally successful and has inspired similar efforts in other parts of the U.S. and the world. With Frank's leadership, the NWIFC and the Tribes it serves are working to protect and restore the salmon resource for Indians and non-Indians alike.

"Celebrated regionally, nationally and internationally as an outstanding



Delores Pigsley

Native American leader, Frank has been the recipient of numerous recognition awards, including the 1991 Albert Schweitzer Prize for Humanitarianism and 2004 Indian Country Today Inaugural American Visionary Award."

As Tribal elections are upon us, please be sure you have your correct address on file with the Enrollment Department and that you are registered to vote.

**Lha' Cha'! (Once Again!), Tribe receives language preservation grant**

By Cova St. Onge, Language Project Coordinator

On Aug. 22, the Siletz Tribe was awarded its second Administration for Native Americans Language Preservation Grant for curriculum development and implementation.

Year one is packed with curriculum implementation for Head Start through sixth grade. Multiple lessons have been developed for each grade with the intention of integrating them into the daily activities of the classrooms.

Each lesson is documented for alignment with the benchmarks teachers are required to adhere to, which makes integration easier for them. All lessons are accompanied by an activity the students do using the language, which makes the language lesson fun, interesting and functional for them.

The end of the school year will include a Spring Performance showcasing the accomplishments of SVS students with the Dee-Ni curriculum, bringing our accomplishments to the community.

It is the goal of the language project to develop more speakers through implementation of curriculum in the school and through the community language classes, and complete curriculum development during the non-academic school year months. The language project will continue to look for guidance from our Elders to help the language project successfully complete its goals.

At the conclusion of the three-year grant, we will have curriculum for Head Start through high school, language speakers documented and an immense pool of young emerging speakers.


Please visit our website at [siletz-language.org](http://siletz-language.org) for language materials or contact me at 541-444-1036 or Bud Lane at 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320.

Nuu-wvn srxii-xe xuu-srxii-xe hii-chu xuu-srxii-xe hii-chu xaa-ma  
(For our children, their children and their children)  
Hvm'-chi'

**Elders Council Meeting**  
Nov. 12 • 1-4 p.m.  
**Chinook Winds Casino Resort**  
For more details, contact Rachele Endres at 800-922-1399, ext. 1261; 541-444-8261; or [rachelee@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:rachelee@ctsi.nsn.us)

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**Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)**  
**Introduction to the Athabaskan language**  
Open to Tribal members of all ages

<b>Eugene</b> Eugene Area Office Nov. 7 – 6-8 p.m. Dec. 5 – 6-8 p.m.	<b>Portland</b> Portland Area Office Nov. 14 – 6-8 p.m. Dec. 12 – 6-8 p.m.
<b>Siletz</b> Siletz Tribal Community Center Nov. 8 – 6-8 p.m. Dec. 6 – 6-8 p.m.	<b>Salem</b> Salem Area Office Nov. 15 – 6-8 p.m. Dec. 13 – 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](mailto:budl@ctsi.nsn.us).