

Budget Issues

The sequestration imposed by Congress will affect our programs this year and beyond. We are currently working on budgets to try to determine the level of funding and the impact it will have.

Information on the passage of the government budget, just passed by Congress, should come to the Tribe soon.

We have been informed that the Bureau of Indian Affairs will address the reduction in funds by having employees take furlough days (unpaid leave days).

The Tribal Budget Committee will meet this month and present a budget to the council for the council's budget workshop on excess pledge revenue from the casino.

STBC

The Tribal Council currently is advertising for the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation's executive director position.

Interim Director Steve Larrabee resigned in February (see story on page 7).

The STBC board revised the director's job description and looks to fill it in the near future.

LCIS

Currently, I serve as our representative to the Legislative Commission on Indian Services. Each of the nine Tribes plus a Portland representative serves on the commission.

State legislative issues and other issues of concern to Oregon Tribes are brought forward at these meetings. Siletz issues brought forward, such as religious freedom practices in the Department of Corrections, were addressed by the Tribal liaison for Corrections. The Tribe has received complaints that religious services were being denied because of state budgets.

One other issue was the Yakama Tribe's request to be contacted by Oregon

officials with regards to notification of ground disturbances and other actions that may affect their Tribe. I asked for clarification on who would be responding to this request.

A lengthy presentation and discussion took place about the University of Oregon's re-organization of its Tribal recruitment program. University representatives explained how the re-organization would better serve students and the recruitment program.

Tribal representatives were upset that no consultation had taken place about the changes. It was stated that the intent was to move forward with the re-organization.

Appropriation Hearing

I plan to testify at the House Subcommittee on Appropriations this month in Washington, D.C. While there, council representatives also will meet with our congressional delegation about legislative issues.



Delores Pigsley

Elders Council Meeting

April 13 • 1-4 p.m.

Chinook Winds Golf Resort

Elder Honor Day

April 4 • 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Chinook Winds Casino Resort

For more information, contact Dee Navarro at 800-922-1399, ext. 1261; 541-444-8261; or deen@ctsi.nsn.us.

Culture Craft for Tribal Youth

April 2 • 4-6 p.m.

Siletz Tribal Community Center

Come learn about dee-sri-k or olivella shells and enjoy a short craft with them.

May 7 • 4-6 p.m.

Siletz Tribal Community Center

Come participate in a traditional craft. This is a great time for youth to learn about art/cultural practices specific to Siletz people.

Families are welcome to stay for the language class that immediately follows these activities. **Special note: The May language class will be dedicated to the Feather Dance and will include a Feather Dance practice as part of the class.**

These activities are sponsored by the Tribal Cultural and Education departments. For more information, contact Buddy Lane, cultural education director, at 541-444-8230 or Alissa Lane, Siletz area education specialist, at 541-444-8373 (or either one at 800-922-1399).

Language class brought to you by Bud Lane, language and traditional arts instructor, at 541-444-8320.

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Open to Tribal members of all ages

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
April 1 – 6-8 p.m.
May 6 – 6-8 p.m.

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
April 2 – 6-8 p.m.
May 7 – 6-8 p.m.

All language classes in May will be dedicated to the Feather Dance and will include a Feather Dance practice as part of the class.

Portland

Portland Area Office
April 8 – 6-8 p.m.
May 13 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
April 9 – 6-8 p.m.
May 14 – 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.