

Charles Wilkinson

Charles Wilkinson, law professor at the University of Colorado at Boulder and good friend of the Siletz Tribe, received the prestigious Twanat Award from The Museum at Warm Springs Board of Directors at the organization's 2013 Honor Dinner on April 6.

Charles was introduced by Chief Delvis Heath and again by Tribal attorney Howie Arnett, who described Charles' career in Indian Law and outstanding career on Indian issues.

The award was well-deserved not only because of Charles' work during our Tribal Restoration and later the publication of our book *The People Are Dancing Again*, but also because of his advocacy with the Native American Rights Fund, his work with many other Tribes and his many fine books that have been published on important issues to all Tribes.

I was pleased to be in attendance with other Siletz representatives and Charles' two sons, Seth and David, when he received his award and standing ovation.

We look forward to future meetings and collaboration with Charles. We are proud to know him and call him our friend. (See additional article on page 1.)

Chemawa Indian School

We received word on April 5 that Chemawa Indian School Superintendent Don Tomlin was relieved of his duties. The school is hard hit by sequestration cuts and other budget matters.

The annual end-of-school pow-wow has been cancelled and students, with the exception of seniors, will be sent home early. The date isn't certain on when the early departure will occur. Graduation is still expected to be held May 13.

Currently, the acting administrator is Casey Sozo.

Sequestration

The final budget figures have been released to Tribes for the Bureau of Indian

Affairs (BIA) and the Indian Health Service (IHS).

Siletz Agency Superintendent Greg Norton was on the agenda at our Tribal Council meeting in April to discuss how sequestration will affect agency personnel. Initially, staff is being told in all BIA locations that each person will have to take at least 10 furlough days.

It isn't yet clear what the IHS situation will be, although we know that programs are taking a huge hit in funds.

Our Tribal budgets were approved at the Tribal Council meeting in April. We were prepared for the reduction in funds and hope we can still provide the same level of services to the membership.



Delores Pigsley

Culture Camp Registration

Camp dates – July 16-18, 2013

Registration forms can be found online at ctsi.nsn.us or at any Tribal area office.

Please return registration form to your nearest Tribal office or mail completed form to Culture Camp, CTSI, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549; fax 541-444-8392.

Elders Council Meeting

May 11 • 1-4 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

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.**

This activity is 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.

Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
May 6 – 6-8 p.m.
June 3 – 6-8 p.m.

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
May 7 – 6-8 p.m.
June 4 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
May 13 – 6-8 p.m.
June 10 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
May 14 – 6-8 p.m.
June 11 – 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.

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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