

The past month has been busy for the Tribal Council with many activities taking place.

Chemawa Graduation

I attended the Chemawa graduation ceremony and it was very nice.

All students had been sent home prior to graduation and then the seniors were brought back for graduation day. The auditorium was filled with parents and relatives from all over the U.S. Congratulations to our Siletz graduates.

University of Oregon

Oregon Tribal chairmen and a guest were invited to a luncheon at the University of Oregon with the Dalai Lama.

It was historic for us as well as the university. It was a small luncheon with a much larger audience after lunch in the auditorium.

Tribal Day at the Capitol

The Oregon Tribes displayed their latest projects involving youth and culture at the State Capitol just prior to Gov. John Kitzhaber declaring Oregon Indian Week.

The governor signed the annual proclamation and then signed Senate Bill 3 relating to the membership of the Legislative Commission on Indian Services as representative Tribes looked on in the governor's office.

The Siletz Feather dancers performed in the rotunda and they were a big hit with the audience (see photos on page 14).

Each Tribe was given the opportunity to engage the audience in an activity. It was also a time to visit with our legislators and all others in the Capitol.

Siletz Legislation HR 931

The House Subcommittee on Natural Resources held a hearing on HR 931, the

Siletz legislation that recognizes our 1855 treaty boundaries that will allow our Tribe to take land into trust within our original boundary under the on-reservation process. Currently, the process we must follow is under the off-reservation policy.

I testified before the committee. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) also testified in support of our legislation. The only opposition is the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw.

The committee members had no questions of me or my testimony.

The BIA testimony fully supports both our legislation and the Grand Ronde legislation as presented. It also responds to the issues both of those Tribes have raised. We look forward to the bill going to the full committee on Natural Resources soon.

The Grand Ronde legislation is currently being opposed by the Cowlitz Tribe



Delores Pigsley

of Washington and the Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut.

Elders Council Meeting

June 8 • 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 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.

For more information about the Siletz Tribe, please visit ctsi.nsn.us.

Culture Craft for Tribal Youth

June 4 • 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.

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.

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Eugene

Eugene Area Office
June 3 – 6-8 p.m.
July – class is at Culture Camp

Portland

Portland Area Office
June 10 – 6-8 p.m.
July – class is at Culture Camp

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
June 4 – 6-8 p.m.
July – class is at Culture Camp

Salem

Salem Area Office
June 11 – 6-8 p.m.
July – class is at Culture Camp

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.