

Chairman's Report

Oregon Coastal Economic Summit

Our Tribe hosted the Oregon Coastal Economic Summit that was organized by our Sen. Arnie Roblan and his staff (Rosie Shatkin did a tremendous job).

The Tribes led the first discussion on the state of the Tribes' economy. Tribal chairmen from the Coos, Coquille, Cow Creek and I led the discussion.

The summit was well-attended by our local elected officials and county commissions and also by many state legislators as well as Rep. Peter DeFazio and Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley.

Western Oregon's economy was widely discussed as well as the need for coastal energy programs and funding for them. Congressman DeFazio discussed HB 1526, which if passed would allow more logging on Western Oregon's BLM land. Sen. Wyden also has his own legislation to do pretty much the same as HB 1526.

There were many more interesting subjects relating to employment, housing, education and our general well-being.

Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow

One of the best pow-wows took place this year on the Pauline Ricks Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds.

Sometimes we forget about why the grounds were named after Pauline Ricks. She was instrumental in Tribal Restoration, was a leader in the Eugene/Springfield community, served as whip woman for the Tribe and worked with Tribal youth to get them involved in drumming and dancing. She worked with young girls to prepare them to serve as Tribal royalty.

Pauline was truly an early leader of our Tribe and we should all thank the Lord for her contributions.

The pow-wow appeared to be one of the biggest in recent years. It was well-organized by the Pow-Wow Committee and staff.

We also were happy to have "The Indian and the White Guy," Terry Ree and Bruce Williams, participate in the parade and the pow-wow.

Planning Department

The council receives quarterly reports from all departments and the following report is from the Planning Department:

"First commissioned in May of this year, the CTSI has installed 38 kilowatts of solar panels that have been powering two Tribal buildings and sending surplus power back to the local utility. This simple demonstration has generated the following results:

- While only in use for a little over 1,500 hours, the solar panels have generated over 20,000 kilowatts of power and reduced 15.5 metric tons of carbon dioxide normally released to the air.
- This equals the Co2 emissions for the electricity used by two homes for one year.
- The annual greenhouse gas emissions from three passenger vehicles and the carbon sequestered annually by 11.7 acres of forest land.

(The) 500,000-gallon treated water tank (was) completed August 2013. This \$1.3 million project was a joint effort



Delores Pigsley

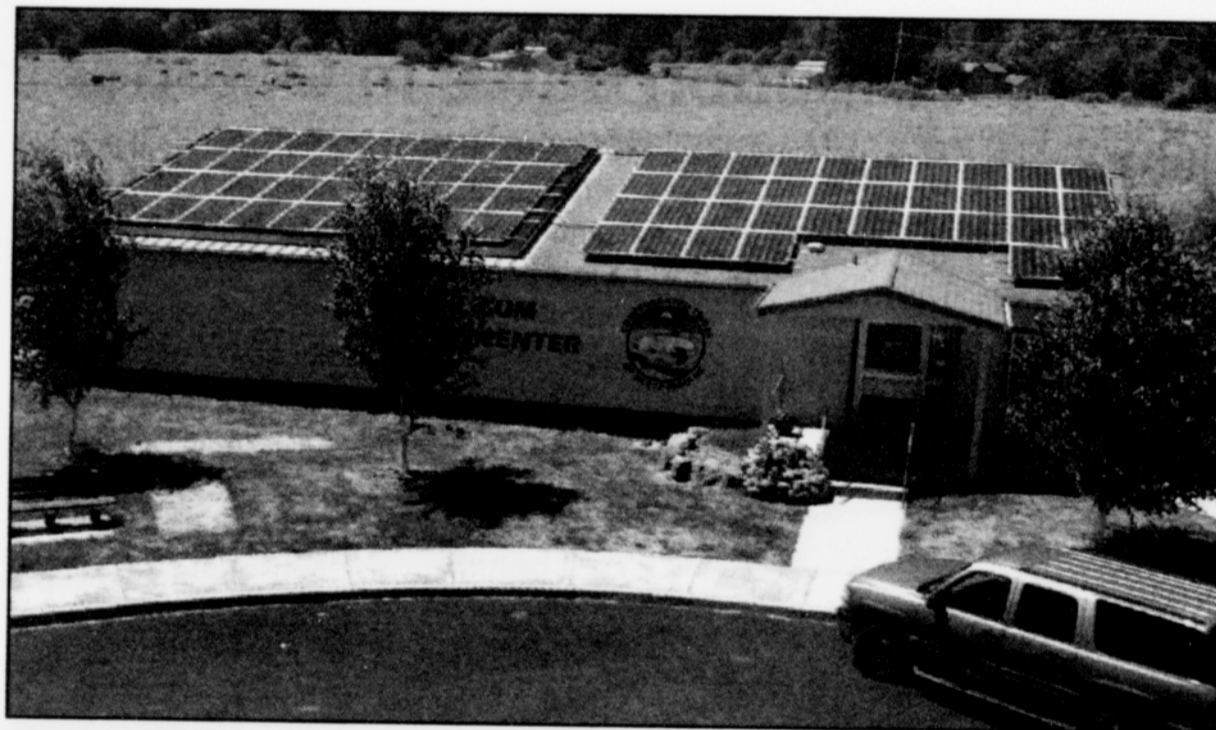
between the CTSI and the USDA. The USDA provided a \$1 million grant and technical assistance for this project. This tank represents another step toward Tribal drinking water security and public safety for fire support."

The Tribe has put a priority on energy and green products and we are proud of our first steps.

Courtesy photos



Treated water tank (left) and Tillicum Fitness Center (below)



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