

Chairman's Report

Restoration

Our celebration of 36 years of Restoration was a terrific event made possible by many people. The casino decorations, the displays and the service were outstanding as well as the lunch that was provided. Many thanks to our great casino staff for making it "Better at the Beach."

Thank you to the Restoration Committee, the Tribal Council, Tribal Elders, the Pow-Wow Committee and our staff for making it a great event.

Oregon Tribes

Siletz hosted an Oregon Tribes meeting on Dec. 19 at Chinook Winds Casino

Resort. All nine Oregon Tribes were expected to attend as well as representatives from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Justice and other agencies.

This will give us an opportunity to discuss important issues, such as legislation that is pending and sponsored by Sen. Ron Wyden. He has asked for comments from the Tribes.

Other agenda items included education in Oregon, Tribal mascots, marijuana laws and effects on Tribes, Tax Reform Act and any other issues the Tribes bring up.

Budgets

Budgets will continue to be watched closely as Congress gets closer to a solu-

tion to sequestration. Budget cuts have been felt deeply in Indian Country, including by our Tribe.

It is hoped that as we begin the New Year, Congress will have a plan to replace sequestration with a real budget.

Tribal Elections

Tribal Council elections take place in February! If you aren't registered to vote, you have time to register and vote for the candidate of your choice.

It is also important to get your application in to serve on the Tribal committee of your choice (see page 3).

Have a safe and Happy New Year!



Delores Pigsley

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



Thank You Lauren Patterson

We would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to a valued member of the CTSI family, Lauren Patterson. We are sad to announce the Youth Mental Health (YMH) program grant ended in December 2013. The YMH program provided a range of mental health services for Siletz Tribal members ages 8 to 18. Services included adventure-based counseling, horse therapy, challenge courses, white-

water rafting, kayaking and wilderness treks.

Lauren has been the Siletz Youth Mental Health counselor in the Portland/ Salem area since May 2009.

She has touched so many of us who have worked with her. We'll miss her warm, genuine, energetic and professional presence in our offices and community.

We would like to extend to Lauren the best in her next health service position.

It has been an absolute honor to work with Lauren!

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Deadline for the February issue is Jan. 10

Submission of articles and photos is encouraged.

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Elders Council Meeting

Jan. 18 • 1-4 p.m. • Chinook Winds Golf Resort

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

Siletz Drum Making Demonstration

Learn how to prepare and make Siletz gamble and hand drums



In Siletz

On Government Hill, outside the Tribal Community Center

Jan. 18 • 10 a.m.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or budl@ctsi.nsn.us

Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
Jan. 6 – 6-8 p.m.
Feb. 3 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
Jan. 13 – 6-8 p.m.
Feb. 10 – 6-8 p.m.

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
Jan. 7 – 6-8 p.m.
Feb. 4 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
Jan. 14 – 6-8 p.m.
Feb. 11 – 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 email budl@ctsi.nsn.us.