

Chairman's Report

During the recent Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow, one visitor commented that they always consider our pow-wow as "the beginning of the end of summer." And it sure seems true. We had another wonderful pow-wow and parade.

People always comment on how welcome they feel at our annual event and how clean the grounds are. Kudos to the Pow-Wow Committee and the staff they hire for their hard work.

Many Tribal program staff (Culture, Education and Behavioral Health, to name a few), Tribal members and their families are gearing up for Run to the Rogue. The Tribal Council also will be participating.

This event really brings home the significance of the hardships our ancestors faced, the amazing and rewarding struggle to regain federal recognition and our continued efforts today to

protect our sovereignty and practice our cultural traditions.

As mentioned in a previous Chairman's Report, the BIA is downsizing the local Siletz Agency. At this point, the Siletz Tribe is the only one of the five western Oregon Tribes that will continue to receive services from the Siletz Agency. This includes forestry and land-into-trust services, which means two BIA employees will remain at the Siletz Agency – Art Fisher, realty officer, and Mike Pond, agency forester.

Most years, the Tribal Council tries to hold one of its regular Tribal Council meetings in Brookings, Ore., as a significant and active number of Tribal members still live in the area where our ancestors resided. The upcoming Oct. 17 meeting will be in Brookings at the Best Western.

Recently, the Native American Student Union at the University of Oregon requested flags from each of Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes to be flown permanently on the university's campus.

Each Tribe also was asked to provide a design element that was representative of that Tribe to be reproduced on a plaque that will accompany their flag. Our Tribe selected a basketry design for our plaque.

An official flag raising and dedication of all nine flags will take place Oct. 2.

In closing, I am very pleased to report that the Tribe received an unmodified opinion for the 2013 audit on all Tribal entities and in addition the Tribe received no findings.

The Tribe appreciates the efforts of the Accounting and Finance staff for each of our entities – Tribal government, Chinook Winds Casino Resort and the Siletz



Delores Pigsley

Tribal Business Corporation – in doing their regular jobs while also responding to the many requests made by the auditors.

CTSI Jobs – Employment information available at ctsi.nsn.us.

Time to gather materials for baskets

Spring is here and very soon hazel sticks will be ready to pick and peel.

Hazel stick gathering is a must for anyone interested in making traditional Siletz baskets. Spruce root can be dug all year round and is used for the weavers or weft of Siletz baskets.

Bear grass and maidenhair fern are used for overlay to make our traditional designs or marks in our baskets and both are picked in late summer.

Any Tribal members interested in gathering can call Bud Lane at 800-922-1399, ext. 1320, or 541-444-8320, or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

Just a reminder – basket materials must be gathered in a timely fashion.

Here is a general breakdown of gathering times for different materials:

September

Bear grass, maidenhair fern, woodwardia fern, spruce roots

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Deadline for the October issue is Sept. 9.

Submission of articles and photos is encouraged.

Please see the Passages Policy on page 20 when submitting items for Passages.



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Elders Council Meeting

Sept. 20 • 1-4 p.m. • Chinook Winds Casino Resort

Siletz Elder potlucks are held monthly at 6 p.m. on the Monday before the regularly scheduled Elders meeting. Please bring a potluck dish you would like to share.

For more information, contact the Elders Program at 800-922-1399, ext. 1261, or 541-444-8261.

General Council Meeting

Nov. 1, 2014 • 1 p.m. • Siletz Tribal Community Center • Siletz, Oregon

Invocation
Flag Salute
Roll Call
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes
Hunting and Fishing MOU
Tribal Members' Concerns
Tribal Council Candidates Declarations
Chairman's Report
Announcements
Adjourn

Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Siletz
Tribal Community Center
Sept. 8 – 6-8 p.m.
Oct. 6 – 6-8 p.m.

Eugene
Eugene Area Office
Sept. 9 – 6-8 p.m.
Oct. 7 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland
Portland Area Office
Sept. 15 – 6-8 p.m.
Oct. 13 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem
Salem Area Office
Sept. 16 – 6-8 p.m.
Oct. 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 email budl@ctsi.nsn.us.