# **Chairman's Report**



Thursday February 19, 2015

Oregon Is Indian Country – Say Hello to Your Neighbors

Elected government officials and staff of the nine (9) federally recognized tribal governments in Oregon will be in the State Capitol Galleria from 9:00am to 1:00pm on Thursday, February 19, 2015.

Come chat and find out a little about each distinct government and their programs.

\* Information tables from 9:00am – 1:00pm

Legislative Commission on Indian Services

900 Court Street NE, Room 167 Salem, OR 97301 Phone: (503) 986-1067 Web: <u>https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/cis</u>

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Deadline for the March

I hope you all had a Christmas surrounded by your family. The New Year already is a month old and contains many issues and events in which our Tribe is involved.

#### Legislation

Our legislation to recognize our treaty boundary was one of the last acts of Congress before it adjourned in December. It was on the consent calendar and if no senator had objected, it would have passed. However, Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL) objected for reasons unknown so the legislation did not pass.

We have been in contact with our delegation and will work toward having the legislation re-introduced in this new Congress.

### ATNI

Our Tribe will host the winter session of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) on Feb. 2-6 at Chinook Winds Casino Resort. We are proud hosts of this organization as we have been members for about 40 years and they were great supporters of our Tribe's restoration effort.

ATNI represents 57 Tribes in Southeastern Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Northern California.

## LCIS

The Tribal Governments Legislative Day, coordinated by the Legislative Com-



**Delores** Pigsley

mission on Indian Services (LCIS), is scheduled for Feb. 19 at the State Capitol in Salem. Oregon's nine Tribes will gather in the State Capitol Galleria from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Each Tribe will have a table display promoting the Tribe's business and culture. All will be available to respond to questions from legislators and the public.

The public is invited to attend; snacks and lunch are provided.

LCIS staff does a great job in organizing the Tribes' activities for the day and in assuring that issues involving Oregon Tribes are covered in LCIS meetings, which are held three times a year.

# **Elders Council Meeting**

Feb. 14 • 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.

# Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

## Introduction to the Athabaskan language Open to Tribal members of all ages

Siletz Tribal Community Center Feb. 2 – 6-8 p.m. March 2 – 6-8 p.m. **Portland** Portland Area Office Feb. 9 – 6-8 p.m. March 9 – 6-8 p.m.

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## **Eugene** Eugene Area Office Feb. 3 – 6-8 p.m. March 3 – 6-8 p.m.

### Salem

Salem Area Office Feb. 10 - 6-8 p.m. March 10 - 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.

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