

Gov. John Kitzhaber

As you all know, Gov. John Kitzhaber resigned effective Feb. 18, 2015. He has had a long and outstanding career in Oregon politics, having served since 1978 in the legislature and as governor of Oregon.

He resigned under unfortunate circumstances and stressed that he did not break any laws. Several pending investigations will be made public when the time comes. The Tribe wishes him well.

Kate Brown

Oregon and the Tribes welcomed Secretary of State Kate Brown at her swearing-in ceremony as Oregon's new

governor on Feb. 18 at the state Capitol. I was honored to be asked to give the benediction at the ceremony – what a great honor.

Kate has served Oregonians for many years in the legislature and many other capacities. She is well-known to Oregon Tribes and probably knows and understands more about treaties and Tribal law than most lawmakers. She served on the Commission on Indian Services for several years.

Oregon is very lucky to have Kate as our next governor. We wish her success and look forward to working with her in her new job. Congratulations, Kate!

Tribal Elections

Tribal Council elections are over for this year – congratulations to Sharon Edenfield, Dave Hatch and Reggie Butler.

Following the elections on Feb. 7, a Special Tribal Council meeting was held Feb. 8 to swear in the new electees and to elect Tribal Council officers. The results are: Chairman, myself; Vice Chairman, Bud Lane; Secretary, Sharon Edenfield; and Treasurer, Robert Kentta.

I am very humbled to be re-elected as chairman. The past year has been most difficult for me personally and I had to be excused from my duties many times. I look forward to serving in this position this year and to the success of our Tribe.



Delores Pigsley

STRCP to start reporting approved loans to TransUnion credit bureau

The Siletz Tribe Revolving Credit Program (STRCP), whose goal is to raise the social and economic status as well as the credit worthiness of Tribal members, is pleased to announce it will begin reporting all approved STRCP loans to the TransUnion credit bureau on a monthly basis starting March 2015.

TransUnion is one of the three major credit bureaus that provide credit scores to creditors for such loans as home, credit card and auto. The other two credit bureaus are Equifax and Experian.

By providing loan payments reports to TransUnion, STRCP will take a major step toward fulfilling a primary goal of increasing the credit worthiness of Tribal members.

Since 2001, STRCP has approved more than \$2 million in consumer, home improvement and business loans for Tribal members.

STRCP is now located at the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation and more information is available online at stbcorp.net.

The STRCP webpage includes information and requirements for consumer, home improvement and business loans, fill-able application forms, training and resource information.

Please don't hesitate to contact STRCP at 541-994-2142 or 877-564-7298 with any questions or if you would like to apply for a loan.

General Council Advisory Vote

The Siletz Tribal Council is asking members whether or not it should approve the proposed Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage ordinances. Ballots will be mailed in early March to Tribal members age 18 and older for the General Council advisory vote on the proposed ordinances. Instructions on procedures and the return date will be included with the ballot.

The ordinances can be located on the Tribal website (ctsi.nsn.us) in the Election Board section.

If you have questions, please contact the Election Board at 800-922-1399, ext. 1256, or 541-444-8256; or elections@ctsi.nsn.us.

Elders Council Meeting

March 14 • 1-4 p.m. • Chinook Winds Golf 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
March 2 – 6-8 p.m.
April 6 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland
Portland Area Office
March 9 – 6-8 p.m.
April 13 – 6-8 p.m.

Eugene
Eugene Area Office
March 3 – 6-8 p.m.
April 7 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem
Salem Area Office
March 10 – 6-8 p.m.
April 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.

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