

## 38<sup>th</sup> Restoration Celebration

As we celebrate 38 years of Restoration, we should always keep in mind and memorialize those early Tribal members who took the initiative to seek Restoration. It was at a time when no Tribal government existed, no funds were available and just a few believed that Restoration could actually occur.

Not only did Congress, surrounding communities and local legislators have to be convinced that it was a good idea to restore/recognize our Tribe, but our very own Tribal members also had to be convinced.

Be thankful for what we have today compared to what we had on Nov. 18, 1977, and for our early Tribal heroes.

## Workshops

**Budgets:** The Budget Committee met and recommended budgets to the Tribal Council for Self-Governance BIA and IHS, along with the Gaming Commission, Internal Audit and Tribal Council Gaming Budgets for the coming calendar year.

The Tribal Council then reviews and adopts, or makes possible changes, at the next Tribal Council meeting.

Council went through the same process with the proposed Chinook Winds budget.

**Clinic Policies:** Clinic policies were reviewed for updates and some changes in preparation for our accreditation review that occurs in January 2016. The quality review is an intense review of policies and how services are provided to clients.

**Job Descriptions:** Job description reviews have been occurring over the past several months by council and staff. An outside company will review the descriptions and salary ranges to determine if staff is adequately paid. This is a tedious process but a necessary one for our staff.

## White House Summit

The annual Obama Whitehouse Summit was held Nov. 5 in Washington, D.C., at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. I attended the summit along with many other Tribal chairmen and elected Tribal officials.

Along with the Secretary of Interior, Sally Jewell, many other Cabinet officials spoke about their efforts to consult with Tribes on various issues. Tribes from all 12 areas across the U.S. meet to determine

which subjects to put forward as discussion items.

When President Obama was elected, he committed to having these sessions to address Tribal needs and to listen to the Tribal leaders.

President Obama participated in the Youth Panel. This administration has invited Tribal youth to the White House on several occasions and is committed to education opportunities for our youth and suicide prevention.

## National Congress of American Indians

Elections for officers are held every two years. Incumbent President Brian Cladoosby, chairman of the Swinomish Tribe, was re-elected by acclamation as was Treasurer Ron Allen, chairman of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, and incumbent Secretary Aaron Payment, chairman of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

The only race was between incumbent Randy Noka of the Narrangansett Tribe and Juana Majal of the Pauma Tribe. Randy successfully won that race for first vice president.



Delores Pigsley

For information about NCAI, visit [ncai.org](http://ncai.org). It is a very informative website on the many issues that Tribes face.

## Veterans

Siletz Valley School hosted a wonderful program for veterans at the school. They were all honored by students from the different grades and given gifts.

## Elders Council Meeting

Dec. 12 • 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.

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**THANK YOU  
PHARMACY STAFF**

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## Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

### Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

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

**Portland**  
Portland Area Office  
Dec. 14 – 6-8 p.m.  
Jan. 11 – 6-8 p.m.

**Eugene**  
Eugene Area Office  
Dec. 8 – 6-8 p.m.  
Jan. 5 – 6-8 p.m.

**Salem**  
Salem Area Office  
Dec. 15 – 6-8 p.m.  
Jan. 12 – 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](mailto:budl@ctsi.nsn.us).

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