

Sharon's appointment

Sen. Ron Wyden announced the appointment of Sharon Edenfield to the Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee. We are very pleased that Sharon has been appointed to this important committee, where she will serve along with other Tribal representatives from across the nation.

The committee will advise on tax issues as referenced in the General Welfare Exclusion Act that Congress passed in 2014. Congratulations, Sharon!

NICOA

Loraine Butler and I, along with other Tribal elders, attended the National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) conference that was recently held in Niagara Falls, N.Y. NICOA only meets every two years.

Issues that affect elders are the purpose of the meeting, such as health, housing, elder services, abuse and of course, politics. The meeting was well-attended and provided good speakers and information.

Dave Hatch

Upon returning from a recent trip to Washington, D.C., Bud Lane, Robert Kentta and I were informed that Dave Hatch had lost his life due to a severe

allergic reaction. It was a terrible shock as we were with Dave prior to this trip.

Dave served several terms on the Tribal Council and assisted in many capacities. He was the chairman of the Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society (STAHS).

His love was the outdoors and his heart was working with Tribal youth to get them engaged in those activities that are important to a healthy lifestyle. He coordinated workshops and the Salmon Camps with other Tribes for Tribal youth.

He was enjoyable, always smiling and pleasant to work with. We will miss him greatly on the Tribal Council.

Dolores Atiyeh

The beloved wife of our friend and former governor of Oregon, Victor Atiyeh, passed away on Aug. 29. We were very saddened to hear the news.

She accompanied the governor on his many visits to our gatherings and we spent happy hours of conversation with both of them.

The Atiyeh family most graciously invited us to attend her memorial service in Portland, Ore., on Sept. 3. Ed Ben and I attended.

Department of Justice (DOJ)

I was honored to attend a special Flag Ceremony hosted by DOJ that recognized Tribal sovereignty. All nine federally recognized Tribal flags were posted at the Department of Justice in the Portland office.

U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams spoke eloquently about the relationships with Oregon's Tribes. The event was well-attended by Tribes, DOJ, State and BIA officials.



Courtesy photo

Below: U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams and Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley

Delores Pigsley



Elders Council Meeting

Nov. 13 (Sunday) • 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.

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Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

December classes will be dedicated to teaching the Feather Dance.

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
Nov. 7 – 6-8 p.m.
Dec. 5 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
Nov. 14 – 6-8 p.m.
Dec. 12 – 6-8 p.m.

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
Nov. 8 – 6-8 p.m.
Dec. 6 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
Nov. 15 – 6-8 p.m.
Dec. 13 – 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 e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.