

Chairman's Report

October was an extremely busy month for the Tribal Council. In addition to regular business, some of us attended the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians meeting in Spokane, Wash., where major updates that affect all of Indian Country are discussed.

Our good friend and Regional BIA Director Stan Speaks announced that he would no longer be in Portland in his current position after Dec. 31, 2017. Speaks has done a great job working with Tribes in the Northwest and we wish him well in retirement or his new post in Oklahoma.



Courtesy photo

Tribal Council members Bud Lane (left), Sharon Edenfield (second from left) and Delores Pigsley (right), with Brian Rice, new director of the BIA

Many changes are taking place at the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the central office as well as the regional office. The new administration has been slow in filling vacant or current positions.

Council members Bud Lane, Sharon Edenfield and I recently traveled to Washington, D.C., to discuss current Tribal issues with the BIA. We were fortunate to meet with the newly appointed director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Brian Rice (see page 19), and we met with the assistant deputy secretary of the Department of the Interior, Jim Cason.

While we were there, an announcement was made that Tara Sweeney from Alaska was named as the new assistant secretary of Indian Affairs. So there are lots of new faces that will carry on the business of Indian Affairs, working with Tribes. The new folks come with impressive backgrounds.

New regulations are being proposed for taking land into trust. We worked very hard for many years to accomplish having land taken into trust under the Obama administration. We have a few remaining parcels of land that still need to go through the process but we don't expect to have any issues as they process.



Delores Pigsley

We will celebrate 40 years of Tribal Restoration this month. I'm sure many of you remember the first Restoration celebration at the Newport fairgrounds building. It was one of the coldest winters ever and we were unable to use the heaters in the building. The freezing weather didn't dampen the spirits of those in attendance, though.

We have lost many of our Restoration heroes since that time. We should keep them in our thoughts as we celebrate this year.

Elders Council Meeting

Nov. 11 • 1-4 p.m. • Chinook Winds Golf Resort

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)

November language classes are dedicated to the Feather Dance

Nee-Dash 'vm-nith-ts'it
(Feather Dance we are learning)



Come and learn to dance our traditional dances. The Feather Dance is handed down to us from our ancestors. Come and learn about our ancient dances and protocols. Tribal members and their families welcome.

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Tribal Community Center
Nov. 6 • 6-8 p.m.

Portland
Portland Area Office
Nov. 13 • 6-8 p.m.

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Eugene Area Office
Nov. 7 • 6-8 p.m.

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Salem Area Office
Nov. 14 • 6-8 p.m.