

## Chairman's Report

Tribal Council had an extremely busy month in February. Elections were held and I congratulate Sharon Edenfield, Reggie Butler Sr. and Angela Ramirez for being elected.

### State of the State address

Bud Lane and I attended Gov. Kate Brown's State of the State address at

the Capitol in Salem. She outlined her goals for the coming year and her term. Education and the environment are her priorities; she made a great motivational presentation.

She invited Bud and I to a reception in the ceremonial office following the legislative session. It was great.

On a sad note, we said goodbye to our beloved Tribal attorney, Cat Tufts. Sadly, she left us unexpectedly. She left family and many friends with her untimely passing.

### University of Oregon Longhouse stewards

The nine Tribes of Oregon are stewards of the longhouse on the campus of the University of Oregon.

Siletz hosted the most recent meeting at Chinook Winds. Tribes were updated on the number of Tribal students attending Oregon universities. The goal at the UO is to increase the numbers of students and the graduation rates.

The school will host the annual Mother's Day Pow-Wow in May.

### Town hall meetings

Bud Lane and I attended a recent town hall meeting in Keizer hosted by Congressman Kurt Schrader and Sen. Jeff Merkley. It was a packed house, standing room only.

They discussed the issues of the times: Medicare, DACA, budget priorities and the president's recent action to drill for oil off the Oregon Coast. The audience was very supportive of them.

### STBC

A workshop was recently held on the future direction of the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation. Tribal Council



Delores Pigsley

firmly supports future economic development and has set some goals for STBC to carry forward.

### Washington, D.C., trip

Council recently attended meetings with congressional staff, Congressman Schrader, Sen. Jeff Merkley and Acting Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs John Tahsuda and the U.S. Forest Service in Washington, D.C.

Meetings were held to define our position on a couple pieces of legislation as it relates to our own Tribal history that sometimes gets used inappropriately by others. We felt the meetings were very successful.



Courtesy photo

Several Siletz Tribal Council members attended the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians' Winter Convention in Portland, Ore., in January. While there, they participated in a Tribal consultation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the revision of the 151 (fee-to-trust) regulations. The Siletz Tribe hosted a reception with ATNI Tribal leaders after the consultation. Pictured left to right are Delores Pigsley, Tribal chairman; Bud Lane, Tribal vice chairman; Bryan Rice, BIA director; John Tahsuda, acting assistant secretary for Indian Affairs; and Sharon Edenfield, Tribal secretary.

For more information about the Siletz Tribe, please visit [ctsi.nsn.us](http://ctsi.nsn.us).

## Elders Council Meeting

March 10 • 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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### Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center  
March 5 – 6-8 p.m.  
April 2 – 6-8 p.m.

### Portland

Portland Area Office  
March 12 – 6-8 p.m.  
April 16 – 6-8 p.m.

### Eugene

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

### Salem

Salem Area Office  
March 13 – 6-8 p.m.  
April 17 – 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](mailto:budl@ctsi.nsn.us).