

Billy Williams investiture

It was an honor to be asked and a great pleasure for me to speak at the investiture of Billy Williams. President Trump appointed Williams, with the appointment approved by the U.S. Senate, as Oregon's U.S. attorney.

The room was packed with well-wishers, judges and police officers from various entities as well as family and friends. Williams spoke of his past work experiences prior to going to law school and also spoke about his work with Tribes in Oregon.

His success is credited to his ability to listen and his personal approach to

issues that are brought forward. He and his office understand and support Tribal sovereignty. We are lucky to have him as Oregon's U.S. attorney.

Chemawa Indian School graduation

I attended the Chemawa Indian School graduation in May. Congratulations to 70 graduating seniors. The auditorium was packed to capacity. Parents and families traveled a great distance to attend the ceremony.

I gave the keynote address at the Salem-Keizer Indian Education Eagle Feather ceremony. More than 60 graduat-

ing seniors from various Salem schools received an eagle feather to honor their accomplishments.

Council benefits

Tribal Council was thankful that the membership approved an increase in hourly pay for Tribal Council members. Along with the increase in pay, voters approved that council members be entitled to fringe benefits.

Most of you know that Tribal Councils are not able to contribute to Social Security, so the years spent on council have no retirement contributions.

The fringe benefit that council has attained includes life insurance, medical, dental and vision coverage if you do not have OHP, Medicare or third-party insurance. Dependents can be covered only if purchased by the member who is covered.

Memorial Day Ceremony

Memorial Day was commemorated in Siletz at the Paul Washington Cemetery on Memorial Day. Denise Kraxberger was the guest speaker.

She talked about her family and how she began her service career. She spoke of friends who served and friends she lost in the service. We appreciate her sharing the memories of her life in the service with those in attendance.



Delores Pigsley

We were then served a nice lunch in the community center. Thank you to the Culture Committee. The cemetery was beautifully decorated.

LCIS workshop

Executive Director Karen Quigley arranged a luncheon and workshop for Legislative Commission on Indian Services members and state managers. It was an opportunity for the managers to talk with Tribal representatives about the importance of consultation and collaboration with Tribes on various issues.



Courtesy photo

Billy Williams speaks at his investiture ceremony.

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Elders Council Meeting

July 14 • 1-4 p.m.

Chinook Winds Golf Resort

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Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

July classes will be held at Culture Camp.
 No classes will be held in August.

Siletz

Tribal Community Center
 Sept. 4 – 6-8 p.m.
 Oct. 8 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
 Sept. 11 – 6-8 p.m.
 Oct. 15 – 6-8 p.m.

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
 Sept. 5 – 6-8 p.m.
 Oct. 9 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
 Sept. 12 – 6-8 p.m.
 Oct. 16 – 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.