

Chairman's Report

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI)

The ATNI fall conference was held in Worley, Idaho, at the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort in September. This year celebrated 65 years of ATNI, quite historic.

ATNI members establish policy and positions on legislation that affect Northwest Tribes. Resolutions passed by this body strongly advocate the Tribes' positions and have been extremely successful.

ATNI supported the Siletz Tribal Restoration Act in 1975. It assisted in

our lobbying effort, saw the act passed and helped us celebrate on Nov. 18, 1977.

City of Portland

The City of Portland hosted a Tribal summit that included the Siletz, Grand Ronde, Yakama, Cowlitz, Warm Springs and Umatilla Tribes.

The Cowlitz Tribe came by way of the Willamette River, Mayor Ted Wheeler and other Portland officials joined in the canoe landing along the river and were welcomed by the Tribes.

The day was filled presentations by City of Portland's directors and managers. Tribes made presentations on several topics.

Lunch was provided along with a discussion about traditional foods. There was a gift exchange at the end of the day.

Chemawa Memorial

The Lummi Tribe from Washington graciously offered to carve a totem to memorialize the Chemawa Cemetery and those interred there.

Two totems carved by Jewel James, a Lummi Tribal member, will be erected inside the cemetery gate. Jewel carved the totem that is currently in the Chemawa Indian School entryway into the school.

The recognition ceremony will begin at Lummi and will travel south, making stops at several Washington Tribes before arriving at Chemawa on Nov. 9, where the ceremonies will begin at Chemawa on that day.

The erection of the totems at the cemetery will be on Nov. 10, which is the day the school celebrates its Veterans Day Pow-Wow. The students and other Tribes also will participate.

Northwest Native American Basketweavers Association

The annual gathering was held in Toppenish, Wash., hosted by the Yakama Tribe at Legends Casino. The gathering was well-attended by Siletz members who were busy making baskets, hats, mats and various other projects.

It is hoped that Siletz can host this event in the next year.



Delores Pigsley



Courtesy photo

Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley and Tribal Vice Chairman Bud Lane (right) hold a tule mat that is on loan for display in the office of Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley (left). They presented the mat to the senator in September during a trip to Washington, D.C., for congressional meetings. Materials for the mat were gathered by Bud; his son, Buddy Lane; and his granddaughter, Halli Lane-Skauge.

Tenas Illahee Childcare Center Board of Directors Vacancies

Résumés are being accepted for the Tenas Illahee Childcare Center Board of Directors. Currently, there are two vacant board positions.

If interested, please submit your résumé to Siletz Tribal Council, c/o Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

Vacancies are open until filled.

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Elders Council Meeting

Nov. 18 • 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.

Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
Nov. 5 – 6-8 p.m.
Dec. 3 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
Nov. 13 – 6-8 p.m.
Dec. 10 – 6-8 p.m.

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
Nov. 6 – 6-8 p.m.
Dec. 4 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
Nov. 14 – 6-8 p.m.
Dec. 11 – 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.

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