

Region 10 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit
Portland, Oregon; March 6-8, 2019

I was invited to give a welcome address for the convention and to talk about our historical presence in the area. The summit covered issues regarding climate change and how it affects land, water and air. A large delegation of students from various Tribes throughout the Northwest was in attendance, along with many Tribal delegates.

Issues Tribes must deal with are many. There are various opportunities to deal with some of the issues, Congress has passed legislation to assist. Hopefully, funding will reach down to the Tribes.

The Environmental Protection Agency has funded our Tribe for many years for various projects. We have been involved in the cleanup of the lower Willamette River for many years as it is a Superfund site. Tom Downey has represented us at

those meetings (Tom retired in March and we wish him well). We've also received funds for work on the Siletz River basin that our Natural Resources Department has managed.

The Tribe has worked with a local group to address the issue of disposal of bio-solids in the Siletz area. It's very much a local issue that we believe has a detrimental effect on the Siletz River and surrounding land.

Gov. Brown meets with Tribal leaders

The governor graciously invited Tribal leaders to the capital to talk about the "cap and trade" legislation that she is promoting in the current legislative session. The meeting was well-attended by Tribes and the governor's staff.

Tribal leaders then were invited to Mahonia Hall, the governor's home, to talk directly with her on Tribal gaming in

Oregon. All nine Tribes were present and we had a great conversation.

We look forward to future meetings on the same subject and appreciate Gov. Brown's involvement in gaming issues that are so important to all Oregon Tribes.

Chemawa Birthday Pow-Wow

I was pleased to welcome Congressman Kurt Schrader to Chemawa Indian School to celebrate the school's 139 years. Many of our Tribal members attended the school over the years, many are employed at Chemawa to date and many Chemawa graduates have served as leaders of their respective Tribes.

Congressman Schrader had visited the school prior to this visit because concerns have been raised about the school and the land over the years. He is very interested in providing assistance where needed.

We toured the old campus and cemetery at Chemawa then he visited the site



Delores Pigsley

of our future casino development on the Tribe's property. It was an eventful day.

A congressional delegation conducted a follow-up visit on March 20.

TICC 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 Secretar, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

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Elders Council Meeting

April 13 • 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

Siletz
Siletz Tribal Community Center
April 1 – 6-8 p.m.
May 6 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland
Portland Area Office
April 8 – 6-8 p.m.
May 13 – 6-8 p.m.

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Eugene Area Office
April 2 – 6-8 p.m.
May 7 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem
Salem Area Office
April 9 – 6-8 p.m.
May 14 – 6-8 p.m.

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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.