

**Tribal Restoration**

The Tribe celebrated 42 years of Restoration with the largest turnout ever. The day began with a prayer by Tribal Royalty, a welcome by yours truly, songs by our Head Start students and a great historical address by Mark Van Norman, who has many credits and is a past executive director of the National Indian Gaming Association in Washington, D.C.

Everyone present received a gift, the celebration was closed out with the evening pow-wow. Many of our friends from the community, other Tribes and family came to celebrate. It was great.

**Honoring Native Survivors**

The Tulalip Tribe in Washington hosted the second annual Boarding School Healing Conference, titled Honoring Native Survivors.

It was very well-attended by boarding school survivors both young and old. There was much discussion about experiences at several boarding schools, both good and bad.

Those in attendance and others were encouraged to talk about the issues faced over the years and begin the healing process.

**Government-to-Government Summit**

The Umatilla Tribe hosted the annual Government-to-Government Summit with the State of Oregon. Gov. Kate Brown sat with Oregon's Tribal leaders for the entire day, along with her staff, department heads and many other state officials.

Issues discussed included climate change, water, health care and gaming, to name a few. Each Tribe spoke to open and to close the session at the end of the day. The Umatilla Tribe was a wonderful host.

While there, I attended the swearing in ceremony for their newly elected Chairman Kat Brigham and others. It was a full house at their Governance Center with prayers and beautiful songs.

**City of Portland Tribal Summit**

Mayor Ted Wheeler hosted the second annual Tribal Summit in November.

Portland-area and Columbia River Tribes were invited to attend a two-day very busy summit.

Tours of watersheds along the Willamette River were given, Tribal historical discussions took place, food sovereignty and the Portland Harbor cleanup were discussed, along with many other important issues to Tribes.

The mayor supports Tribal sovereignty and is eager to work with Tribes. We look forward to next year's summit.

**Portland Harbor**

Tribal officials and staff met with our congressional delegation in Portland to give updates on the status of the Portland Harbor supersite cleanup. This has been a long slow process that is showing some progress.

**Chemawa Station**

Siletz and Grand Ronde Tribes met in December to break ground on development of the Chemawa Station property in Keizer, Ore. The ground-breaking has



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been a long time coming, but infrastructure work will begin and the board that oversees the development will be welcoming businesses.

**New Year**

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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**Elders Council Meeting**

Jan. 18 • 1-4 p.m. • Chinook Winds Casino 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  
Jan. 6 – 6-8 p.m.  
Feb. 3 – 6-8 p.m.

**Portland**

Portland Area Office  
Jan. 13 – 6-8 p.m.  
Feb. 10 – 6-8 p.m.

**Eugene**

Eugene Area Office  
Jan. 7 – 6-8 p.m.  
Feb. 4 – 6-8 p.m.

**Salem**

Salem Area Office  
Jan. 14 – 6-8 p.m.  
Feb. 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](mailto:budl@ctsi.nsn.us).

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