

**Productive year**

We are all looking forward to a productive year 2023.

**Education report**

The Tribe's Education Department reported in its minutes a very successful year working with our students. Johnson O'Malley students through November totaled 650, Adult Education has six students. In this quarter, Adult Vocational Training has 11 students and Higher Education has 110 students.

It should remind us all that this was a priority for Restoration of our Tribe. Thank you to our Education staff.

**Salem casino**

We are still in the planning stages for our Salem casino. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in Minneapolis will recommend a decision to the BIA in Washington, D.C., which will make a decision on the Environmental Impact Statement.

It has been a lengthy process to get to this stage. The Tribe will meet with Oregon's new governor, Tina Kotek, to keep her abreast of where we are in the process.

I will meet with the Northgate Neighborhood Association in Salem to give an update on our progress on the casino and on the Tribe's plan to build housing on our property there.

**Salem City Council**

The Tribe hosted Salem's new mayor, Chris Hoy, and some of his staff on a visit to Siletz just before Christmas. They toured the town, visited our Collections Building and the Dance House. They were eager to visit and hear about our history, and plan to join us in future celebrations.

The Tribe will also visit the Salem City Council in the near future.

**Consent Decree**

We were set to have our hearing on the Tribe's Consent Decree with the Oregon

Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) in December. We've had many discussions over the years and we were prepared to move forward with the hearing after many negotiating sessions on the agreement.

At the last minute we received opposition from another Tribe. In trying to resolve the opposition, we voted to make a change to the Trask hunting unit that would get negotiated at a later time. A majority of council voted not to make the change and as a result, the planned presentation was pulled from the ODFW agenda.

As a result of the above discussion, nothing happened and we didn't go before ODFW. Hopefully we can reach agreement in future negotiations. This will be discussed further at our General Council meeting in February.



Delores Pigsley

**Tribal Council lawsuit**

I have been asked about the lawsuit filed by two council members against five other council members. It has had a hear-

ing in Tribal Court and the court has made a decision. I have asked that the action be posted to the Tribal website.

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- Tribal Veterans Rep – 541-444-8330 or 541-270-0569
- Siletz Community Health Clinic – 800-648-0449
- Siletz Behavioral Health – 800-600-5599
- Chinook Winds Casino Resort – 888-244-6665
- Chemawa Health Clinic – 800-452-7823
- Bureau of Indian Affairs – 800-323-8517
- Website – www.ctsi.nsn.us

**Elders Council Meeting**

The Elders Council will host an in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at 1 p.m. in the banquet room at Aces Sports Bar & Grill in Lincoln City.

If you have any questions, please contact the Elders Program at 541-444-8212.

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