

Chairman's Report

It has been an eventful time, with many ups and downs.

Charles Wilkinson

Our friend and hero, Charles Wilkinson, passed away last month in Boulder, Colo., where he lived and worked (see page 1). He was a gifted scholar and we as a Tribe were lucky to have known and worked with him. Our condolences to his family.

Also passing was Kathryn Harrison of Grand Ronde. She served on the council and worked with us on Tribal Restoration back in 1975. She was a friend. She and I roomed together on several trips as we worked on Restoration activities.

She lived a very full life and it was sad to say goodbye.

Siletz Hunting & Fishing Agreement

A hearing on the Siletz Hunting and Fishing agreement (MOA) was held in

Newport in mid-June. Tribal testimony was well-received and also supporting testimony from the Umatilla and Warm Springs Tribes; Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw; as well as the Grand Ronde Tribe. The Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission gave unanimous approval to the MOA.

The House Committee on Natural Resources in Washington, D.C., held a hearing on our Consent Decree the week prior to the state hearing. Bud Lane provided testimony that was well-received. There was no opposition to our legislation to have the language in the 1980 Reservation Plan removed.

We hope the House passes the legislation at their earliest convenience. This will put us a few steps closer to being rid of the decree.

Our newly elected representative, Val Hoyle, proudly introduced the legislation

and said it was her first act as a newly elected congresswoman.

We will have a full discussion on the Consent Decree at our General Council Meeting in August.

Chinook Winds Anniversary

Big plans were in place to celebrate 28 years of operation for our casino, which has one of the largest fireworks displays in the state.

Salem Casino

We continue to work to establish a casino in Salem. We are very close to getting a decision from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow

I look forward to our full three-day pow-wow and parade this year. Hope to see you all there.



Delores Pigsley

Area office newsletter and events

It is with great pleasure we announce that the area office newsletters have successfully combined and are now available in an accessible format on the Tribal website. The new area office newsletter contains information about events and resources for Tribal members and now is published mid-month. Each one will contain information specific to each area, plus things that everyone will want to see.

You can access the newsletter by going to www.ctsi.nsn.us, selecting News and Events, then selecting the tab that says Local Newsletters. There you will find the May/June edition in a digital flip book-style with phone numbers, websites and email addresses that you can populate on your device.

If prior to the digital launch you received the local newsletter in print and would like to continue getting it in print, you can request a paper copy from your local area office.

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Submission of articles and photos is encouraged.

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Elders Council Meeting

The Elders Council will host an in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at 1 p.m. in the Shasta room at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, Ore.

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

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