

Pow-Wow

This year's pow-wow was one of the biggest and best ever. The heat didn't seem to stop anyone from enjoying the dancers, the food, and visiting with family and friends. Our parade also seems to get bigger and better.

Thank you to all the staff, the Pow-Wow Committee, Royalty advisors, and volunteers for all the preparation that makes it successful.

Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW)

We are happy and very proud to have an approved agreement with ODFW. As reported at the General Council meeting, however, we still have work to do.

Our legislation has had a hearing in the U.S. House of Representatives and has

been heard in the Senate Indian Affairs Committee. We plan a Washington, D.C., trip in the next few weeks to try to further our efforts to get the legislation passed by the full House and Senate.

We had no opposition until the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians stated in a letter that they were opposed. They supported our agreement with ODFW and they had an opportunity to speak at the hearing, but chose not to. We will work to resolve their issues with us.

Wildfires

Everyone is concerned about the wildfires across Oregon, especially those close to home and that affect our Tribal members.

Most of you know about the Oak Flat fire that is close to Agness, Ore. The fire is

still burning and was reported to be 58% contained during the third week of August.

It is burning where we hold our annual Run to the Rogue gathering. We hope that the fire will be stopped or out by the time we have our gathering. We still plan to have the run, but we'll have to assess what the land looks like in October.

Restoration

The Restoration Committee has been busy organizing the Restoration celebration that occurs in November. It will be a busy time, so be sure to reserve your room.

Heat

The heat has been terrific this summer. Be sure to drink plenty of liquids, stay in and be safe.



Delores Pigsley

Update from the VA Office of Rural Engagement

Sept. 30, 2023: Are you a veteran who deployed to a combat zone and never enrolled in VA health care? If you were discharged or released between Sept. 11, 2001, and Oct. 1, 2013, you may be eligible to enroll now during a special enrollment period. But act fast – the deadline to apply is Sept. 30, 2023. Visit www.VA.gov or call 800-MyVA411 to learn more about your benefits.

Elders Council Meeting

The Elders Council will host an in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023, at 1 p.m. in the banquet room at Aces Sports Bar & Grill in Lincoln City, Ore.

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

Siletz Tribal Veterans

For information and assistance from Tony Molina, Tribal Veteran Representative, call 541-270-0569 or email tonym@ctsi.nsn.us

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