

Veterans Day

In November on Veterans Day, we celebrate and remember all of the veterans who have served in uniform, both Tribal and non-Tribal.

When attending the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians meeting, I attended the Veterans Committee meeting. Many veteran issues were brought up that need to be addressed across Indian Country.

Like others in attendance, I introduced myself and spoke of my dad who served in World War I, my brothers who served in World War II, Korea and many other conflicts. I also have many nieces and nephews who have served in all branches of service and in many nations.

Many of our Siletz families are like my family. It often reminds me of the hardships that are created for those who

volunteer and the fact that we don't do a great job of acknowledging them for their service and giving them more recognition.

Tony Molina has worked for the Tribe for many years to assist and honor our veterans, helping to organize our Memorial Day services; helping with the Veterans Day honoring at Siletz Valley School; and assisting individuals in many ways.

The Tribe has recently entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Veterans Affairs that can assist veterans in many ways (see page 3).

Restoration Celebration

We celebrated the Tribe's 46th Restoration anniversary on Nov. 18 at Chinook Winds Casino Resort. We must never forget the Tribal members and community members who helped get our Tribe restored after the passing of the Termination Act in 1954. Like the veterans of wars described above, the early leaders of the Restoration movement should always be remembered.

Our Tribe has come a long way since our Restoration in 1977, but the years between 1954 and 1977 were very difficult for many of our members.

Since 1977 we have successfully built a government that is fully functioning today, employing many Tribal members who carry out the duties and programs that once, prior to termination, were run by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service.



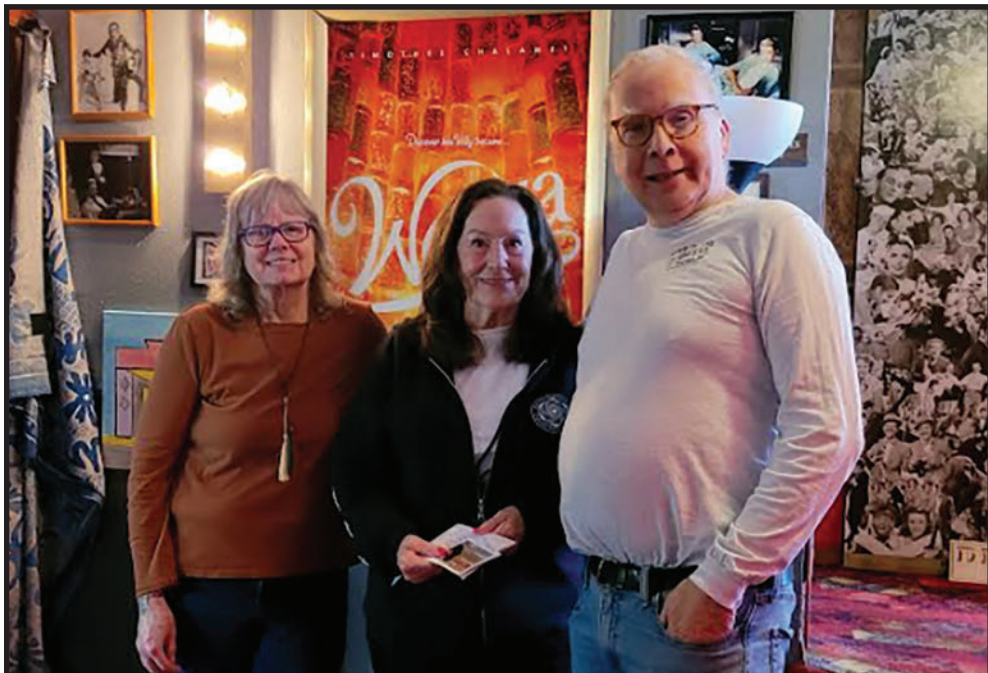
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I look forward to an equally great Restoration Celebration next year.

Native American Heritage Month

The City of Keizer in a proclamation recognized our Tribe as the historic home of the Kalapuya ancestors. I attended the City Council meeting to accept the proclamation. In part it says: "Many acts of injustice, broken treaties, and laws for exclusion of Native Americans have occurred since non-Native peoples came into these lands; and we need to remember that tragic history and commit ourselves to a just and equitable future for all of our residents."

The City of Salem also invited me to receive a similar proclamation on Nov. 11.



Bijou Theatre owners Betsy Altomare (l) and Keith Altomare (r), with STAHS Chairman Cynthia Farlow

Thank you, Bijou Theatre of Lincoln City!

The Bijou Theatre selected the Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society as its nonprofit for November 2023. A portion of the luxury recliner sales have been donated to STAHS to support future programs and activities of the Siletz Tribe.

STAHS is incredibly grateful for the support of the Bijou Theatre and truly fortunate to name Bijou Theatre of Lincoln City as a friend of STAHS. We look forward to future collaborations.

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