

Indian Citizenship Act

One hundred years ago on June 2, the U.S. Congress passed the Snyder Act that conferred citizenship on all American Indians. Prior to this act, Indian people were denied this right even though many Indians served in World War I.

The act was passed but still denied Indian people the right to vote in many states. It wasn't until years later that Congress passed the 15th Amendment stating the right to vote could not be denied on the basis of race.

We have come a long way in the political world where many Tribes all over the United States work very hard to get the Indian vote out. We enjoy good representation by individuals in local governments and in Congress.

I've included a picture here of our last congressional visit. These visits have proven to be invaluable to the Tribe. We've

been successful at getting important legislation passed, such as our hunting and fishing legislation as well other significant pieces of legislation.

Run to the Rogue

Spirits were high on this year's Run to the Rogue. Our last run was five years ago. We didn't have to deal with the heat as it was cool with a little rain.

We are grateful to our friends in Port Orford for the wonderful dinner they prepared and our big welcome. Thank you to the staff for all the work taking care of the runners and all the participants.

Willamette Falls

I was pleased that the Umatilla Tribe invited me to attend a ceremony at Willamette Falls in remembrance of the five individuals who were killed by hanging at this site.

The hangings were a result of the Whitman Massacre that occurred at the Whitman Mission in Eastern Oregon. After a measles epidemic wiped out half of the Native population, the Cayuse came to distrust Marcus Whitman because more sick Natives died from the measles than white settlers. This led to an attack on the mission on Nov. 29, 1847. The punishment of the five Cayuse members who attacked was to be hanged.

Many descendants of the victims attended as prayers and songs were sung in remembrance and to bring their spirits home. This has been a long ongoing effort by the Umatilla Tribe working with local groups, including the city of Oregon City. A nice reception followed for all in attendance.

Memorial Day

The weather was perfect at the Tribe's Memorial Day Ceremony in Siletz. Our World War II veteran, Ed Ben, delivered the day's address.



Delores Pigsley

We missed Tony Molina, Tribal veterans representative, who is recovering from surgery. Our veteran honor guard was still present, however, and led the procession.



Courtesy photo by Lea Ann Easton

Robert Kentta, Buddy Lane, Delores Pigsley and Bud Lane in Washington, D.C.

Elders Council Meeting

The Elders Council will host an in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting on Saturday, July 13, 2024, 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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