

Tribal Restoration

Congratulations to everyone on the Tribe's 47th Restoration anniversary. Thank you to all of you who came to celebrate, it is heartwarming to see and visit with many of you.

The announcement of the purchase of the Table Rock property (see page 1) was a major priority of the Tribe this year as well as the legislation and final action of the U.S. District Court to vacate the 1980 legislation (consent decree) regarding hunting, fishing and gathering rights that the Tribe has had to live with for the last 44 years (see page 1).

Tribal Member Jack Strong was our guest speaker at Restoration this year. He was powerful in his remarks about growing up in Siletz, learning how to cook and use local foods, to rising to become a nationally recognized chef.

Thank you to Tribal and casino staff for the organization of all our Restoration activities and to our Restoration Committee for your time and help. It was one of the best!

The Tribal Council has been obtaining lands piece by piece with the help of our staff and our relationships with local governments and organizations. Table rock is a good example; it takes a lot time and negotiations to make it work.

As you all know, Mike Kennedy, our former Natural Resources director, retired after many years of service to the Tribe. Tribal member Angela Sondenaa was then hired as the Natural Resource director. She is returning home after working for the Nez Perce Tribe for the past 26 years as an ecologist.

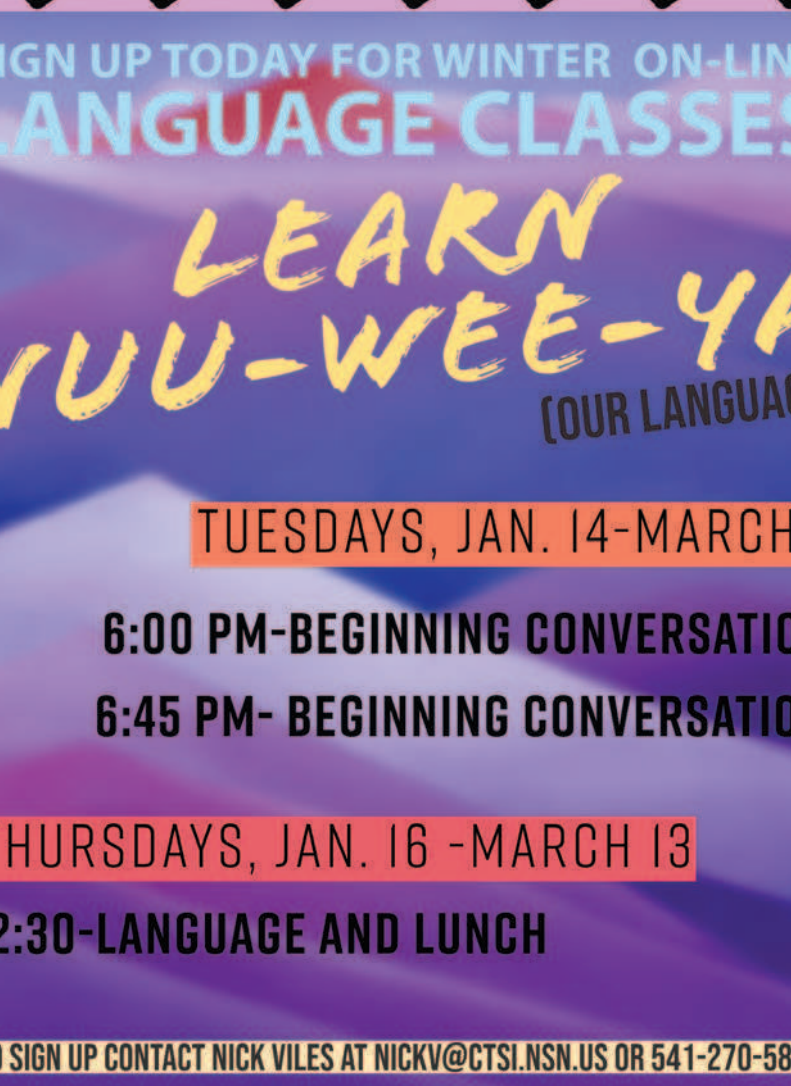
We are still awaiting a decision from the Bureau of Indian Affairs on our Salem casino project. We were told we would have a decision by the end of the year. We are very hopeful that it will be a positive decision. With the change in administration, we know from experience that not much happens until there are new faces in departments like the Interior.

Much progress has been made on the property that is owned and managed by Siletz and Grand Ronde. Currently, Chick-fil-A and a 7-11 gas



station operate businesses there. Future plans include a sit-down restaurant, a brewery and a 92-room hotel.

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