



Chairman, Delores Pigsley

The November General Council was scheduled and held on November 7, 1998. I was unable to attend because my sister-in-law, Jeanie Pigsley, passed away on November 4, 1998 and her funeral mass was held on the 7th. Bonnie Petersen chaired the meeting and she will give a report on the meeting.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have called and commented on the letters that I have sent to the membership. It is good to know that the communication is welcome and wanted. Many discussion items and topics of interest to you are part of the Tribal Council minutes. Anyone can request that copies of the minutes be sent once they are approved. Not a lot of people request copies of the minutes. I'm not sure why. However, I will attempt to keep everyone informed on current events as they happen.

Many of you have asked if the tribe is involved in the Chemawa Management Company. The answer is no. The tribe's involvement with Chemawa has been with regard to some excess property on the west side of the freeway (part of the old orchard). We have been working together with the Grand Ronde Tribe to obtain the excess land. The land is approximately 19 acres. The BIA

is currently doing an appraisal and we will meet again to determine how we will proceed.

The Siletz and Grand Ronde tribes have also notified Indian Health Service of our intent to jointly contract the Chemawa Clinic. It is our belief that we will be able to provide quality health care to everyone who is currently served by the clinic in a more comprehensive manner. The Chemawa students have and will continue to get priority care at the facility. In addition, all other Indians will continue to be served.

Constitutional changes are an agenda item at the November Council Meeting. The ad-hoc Committee has met over the past year and a half gathering information and suggested changes. The meetings have not been well attended and it has not yet been determined which requested changes may go forward.

The Tribe recently hired a law enforcement officer. Staff are currently in the process of drafting policies and regulations that the officer will fulfill. His name is Norm Counts, and he has many years of law enforcement experience in the State of Oregon.

National elections returned many friends of Indian Country. Senators Inouye, McCain and Nighthorse Campbell to name a few, were re-elected. We look forward to their return to Washington, D.C. and working with them in the coming year. There are some tough issues that Indian tribes will face that will require intense lobbying by tribes as well as

individuals. We will be asking our members to assist the tribe in making calls and writing letters on important issues that affect us all.

Again, thank you all for the positive comments and encouragement. I look forward to seeing you at Restoration.

**TRIBAL ELDER, GLADYS
MUSCHAMP RECEIVES
ART AWARD.
SEE PAGE 5 FOR RELATED
ARTICLE.**

USDA Warehouse Closed

The USDA Warehouse will be closed from November 23rd through December 4th to reconcile year end inventories, update client files and complete an annual cleaning.

RESTORATION DAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Below is the printed copy of the keynote address by Forrest Gerard, Guest Speaker at our 21st Annual Restoration Day Celebration.

Forrest Gerard, an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Tribe of Montana, has established a career in Indian affairs encompassing forty years.

His experience as a professional Indian advocate includes service with the BIA, IHS, staff on a Senate Congressional Committee, first Assistant Secretary for Indian

Affairs under the Carter Administration and operator of the first wholly-Indian owned legislative-lobbying firm in Washington, D.C. serving tribal clientele.

Forrest Gerard's career is characterized by a unique blend of high level experience in the tribal, public and private sectors which has provided him with keen insight into the decision-making processes at the highest levels of government. Here, then, is a reprint of his keynote address:

**Statement of Forrest J. Gerard
Keynote Address
"The Journey From the A-
Frame to the Website"
Siletz Restoration Day
Lincoln City, Oregon
November 21, 1998**

Good afternoon! Chairman Pigsley, members of the Tribal Council, tribal members and distinguished guests, I am honored to appear here today to join in commemoration of Restoration Day, November 18, 1977 - a defining moment in the history of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

I recall Restoration Day a "defining moment" because it denotes that point in time when the tribe officially emerged from the dark and devastating days under the dreaded Indian termination policy of the 1950's and embarked on an ambitious journey to become a continuous presence in the lives of its members and communities *which will never again be interrupted.*

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