

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

Siletz Indian Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Application

Tribal members interested in serving on the Siletz Indian Housing Authority Board of Commissioners must fill out the form below and return it to the address below **prior to June 16, 2000**, to be considered for appointment. Please send or fax your application to:

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
Attention: Executive Secretary to Tribal Council
PO Box 549
Siletz, OR 97380
Fax: 541-444-8325

Name: _____ Roll Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: Day () _____ Evening () _____

Royalty Applications Now Available

The Siletz Tribal Pow-Wow Committee is now taking applications for this year's royalty contestants. The age categories are as follows:

Little Miss Siletz 7 to 12 years old
Jr. Miss Siletz 13 to 17 years old
Miss Siletz 18 to 24 years old

Any young woman interested in running in one of these categories can contact Craig Whitehead at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 230, or 541-444-8230 for an application.

The pageant is scheduled for Aug. 10, 2000, and the winners will be crowned before the first grand entry at the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow on Aug. 11.

The deadline to submit royalty applications to the Pow-Wow Committee is July 1, 2000. Any applications turned in from July 1 to July 15 will be accepted only with Pow-Wow Committee approval. Applications turned in after July 15 will not be accepted.

Applicants will be judged on their knowledge of tribal and family history, poise and personality, speaking ability, dance ability in both the feather dance and intertribal styles, and ticket sales. Each contestant will receive a commission on the number of tickets that she sells - 1 to 500 at 20 percent, 501 to 1,000 at 25 percent, and anything over 1,000 at 30 percent.

This year's royalty will receive sponsorship to attend the Gathering of Nations Pow-Wow and Miss Siletz also will be sponsored in NCAI competition.



A Tribute to Mothers

by Sister Francella Griggs
Presented at the Elders Gathering in May

Mother. What a concept. You are so precious that God wants each of us to have a mother, a mother to love and care for us. And when something happens we can't have her, another lovely woman comes into our lives - a blood sister, an auntie, a godmother, or the special grandmother.

It is you we salute today - the mothers who bore us and those who took their places so we might be the children, the persons you envisioned.

Husband and children, if you are near your wife and mother or near your special mother substitute, please place your hand on her knee.

Mom, we thank you for leading us when we were toddlers, during our childhood, teen, and adult years. Thank you for directing us on the right way.

Now please place your hand on her shoulder.

Mother, thank you for that shoulder on which we leaned to receive comfort. Thank you for the elbow that nudged us. Thank you for the hands that showed us how to pray, to work, to welcome people, and even to say "good-bye."

Now, if it's convenient, husbands and children, please bless your wife and mother. Please extend your hands over these lovely, beautiful, courageous, and most special women.

Father of all beautiful things and beautiful people, bless these mothers you've given us. Let them continue to inspire us to reach out to the truth, the beauty, and the lovely around us.

Amen.

Sister Francella Honored by Portland High School

Sister Francella Griggs received the following letter from Portland Public Schools in late April:

Dear Sister Griggs:

Each spring, the school district is pleased to honor outstanding volunteers in the schools. On behalf of the students and staff at Jefferson, I am pleased to notify you that you have been selected as one of the Outstanding Volunteers for Jefferson for the 1999-00 school year.

As part of the celebration, we would like you to be our guest at the Portland Council PTA's Annual Dinner, which will be held Tuesday, May 9, 2000, 6:30 p.m., in the ballroom of the Oregon Convention Center...

Again, thank you for all the time you have contributed to the students of Jefferson during the past school year. We are looking forward to the opportunity to honor you on May 9, 2000.

Sincerely,
Kevin Bacon
Principal