

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

To the editor:

My name is Misty Moceikis, roll #1555. I've found myself in a difficult situation.

I turned in an application for temporary work in the Eugene office. I received a call from personnel telling me if I wanted the temp TSA job, I could have the job after I passed a UA. I received a call on Feb. 16, 2001, from personnel saying I passed my UA. I was told I could start work on Feb. 20 at 8 a.m.

I showed up Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. I was told there was some holdup on starting work. I was told that the holdup was I wouldn't have a supervisor in the office. My understanding was that Bob Jensen was the supervisor for the TSAs in all four offices. I didn't realize that it excluded the Eugene TSA.

I was informed I couldn't do temporary work while on work experience (WEX). Even though this is not a policy of the federal regulations.

Administration came up with another excuse for me not getting the job. They said since I was on WEX, Laurie Brown-Godfrey couldn't be my supervisor for WEX and the temp job. Laurie informed them that she isn't my supervisor for WEX. I have a work-site supervisor who supervises me who also signs my timesheet. Laurie verifies my work hours by signing the timesheet. This was still unacceptable to administration.

I asked if another person in the Eugene office could be my supervisor. Administration said the only other person who could supervise me would be Lou Carey (Eugene office supervisor), my mother; that wouldn't work because we're family. We asked if anyone else could be my supervisor, as there is a program director in the Eugene office. They said no. This is a viable option through the personnel manual.

I talked to personnel on Feb. 23 and asked if I went off WEX, would I be able to do the TSA temporary job. They said yes.

I have memos from administration stating the conflict was that I was on WEX. Now administration has changed their minds about letting me have the job after I told them I was off WEX. I believe administration has made this a personal issue. The way I understand WEX, the program is designed to help tribal members gain employment. I am being denied these opportunities.

I meet all the minimum requirements for the job as reflected in my work history. With all the obstacles that I have confronted, I feel the tribe wouldn't hire me regardless.

As a tribal member this saddens me. I have lost faith in the administration. I would appreciate any comments or support. E-mail [mmoceikis@gladstone.uoregon.edu](mailto:mmoceikis@gladstone.uoregon.edu).

Sincerely,  
Misty Moceikis

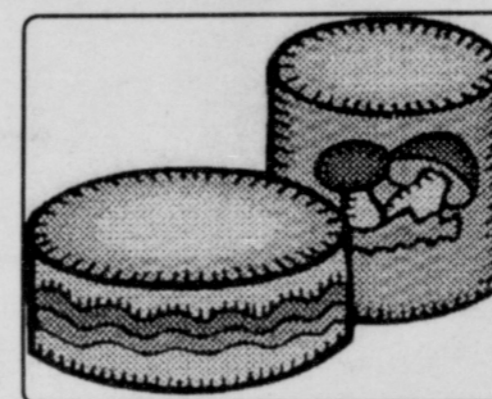
### USDA Distribution for April

#### Siletz

Monday, April 9 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 10 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 11 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Thursday, April 12 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

#### Salem

Monday, April 16 4 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 17 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 18 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



The Siletz Tribal Police Department  
can be reached at 541-444-8371.

### Little Creek Apartments

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Newport's finest apartment community offers a \$50 discount on all two-bedroom apartments to tribal members and employees of Chinook Winds Casino and the tribe. We also have three-bedroom/two-bath apartments available. Call Little Creek Apartments at 541-265-2663 or stop by 365 NE 36<sup>th</sup> St., Newport.

To the editor:

More questions to tribal members on issues of concern:

#### Pharmacy Program

Our tribe changed its prescription program and contracted with the Pequot Pharmaceutical Network in order to save money. Has this program actually saved money and at what cost to the membership? I know of at least two elders who had to wait over three weeks for delivery of their prescriptions. Shouldn't timely delivery of prescriptions be required?

#### Elections

I finally received a copy of the Election Ordinance three weeks after this past election, even though I had requested it on Feb. 5. I urge you to request a copy as well. Two sections are

particularly interesting:

- §2.43(b) Registration. Registration shall be required to vote in a tribal election. The Enrollment staff shall mail registration forms to all eligible tribal voters on an annual basis...
- §2.45(b) Signature Cards. Tribal members must file a signature card with the Enrollment staff certifying that they are eligible to vote in tribal elections.

According to the Enrollment staff, there are currently 2,208 eligible voters and only 1,603 registered voters. Since registration is required, over 600 tribal members are "disenfranchised" by our current election process. Have you received a registration form annually?

If you did not receive a registration form this year, did your vote count?

And in February 1999, the General Council voted almost unanimously to have "electronic" elections. A Tribal Council vote was taken recently to have "electronic" elections in concurrence with the membership's desire for fair elections. Only two members (Reggie Butler and Lillie Butler) voted in favor. Why did the other seven members vote against the membership's wishes, while telling the membership that for the last three years they have been "researching" it?

#### Tribal Member Distributions

Another recent vote was for tribal member distribution of at least \$500 this year. Again, only Reggie Butler and Lillie Butler voted in favor.

And why are they still requiring copies of Social Security cards to release timber revenue funds? As tribal members, we are all entitled to receive equal distribution of funds. To require copies of Social Security cards is an unnecessary burden.

I urge you to contact the Tribal Council and request that the \$100 payment of timber revenues paid in 2000 be released immediately and the policy changed to require a Social Security number **only** for gaming distribution funds. Our government should set policies that benefit our membership, not place unfair and undue restrictions.

Sincerely,  
Pat Duncan