

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

Fellow tribal members – My name is Eva E. Clayton (most of you are probably familiar with my monthly articles in our *Siletz News*). I will be running for Tribal Council in our upcoming 2004 tribal elections.

I am a progressive, informed, professional, with over 30 years in business. I am familiar with tribal issues past, present, and future, on and off the reservation.

An honorable, productive relationship as your council representative is one of my priorities. I look forward to a meeting along the campaign trail.

We have so much to be thankful for and a lot of work ahead of us. It will take all of us working together to achieve our goals.

Respectfully submitted,
Eva E. Clayton

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The tribe's Indian Preference policy will apply. Tribal government will not discriminate in selection because of race, creed, age, sex, color, national origin, physical handicap, marital status, politics, membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

To the editor:

On behalf of Oregon Coast Community College, I want to thank the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Advisory Board and Siletz Tribal Council for approving a grant of \$2,500 to the college. The tribe has provided the necessary funds to purchase a mannequin for allied health programs. This educational equipment will be used to train local students from Lincoln County in anatomy and physiology and other allied health courses.

The timing of this grant was of great importance to the college, especially with the large cuts in state funding for community colleges. We appreciate the fact that the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians values local educational opportunities and look forward to offering a more complete and varied curriculum to serve area students. With the grant generously provided by the tribe, the college will be able to offer more credible training programs for local students.

The students, faculty, and staff of Oregon Coast Community College are grateful to the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Advisory Board and Siletz Tribal Council.

Sincerely,
Pat O'Connor, President
Oregon Coast Community College
Lincoln County

Council Approves Computer Purchases for 2003

Because of the success of last year's computer project, Tribal Council has allocated funds from the 2002 excess pledge gaming revenues to purchase computers for tribal member households in the fall of 2003. Depending on the final purchase price, it's estimated that another 1,000 computers will be distributed this year. This is the final year that the tribe will distribute computers.

Applications have been mailed to tribal member households and children in out-of-home care. If you didn't receive an application or if you know of children who reside with non-tribal parents, please call us at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 305, or 541-444-8305. We will mail an application out as soon as possible.

Deadline for submission of applications is 4:30 p.m. on July 15, 2003.

Applicants must include the application form, verification of their physical address (i.e. utility bill, property tax statement), and for children who reside with non-tribal custodial parents, verification that the applicant has legal custody of the tribal children.

We'll accept applications from any enrolled tribal member or parents of enrolled tribal children in non-tribal homes who didn't receive a computer last year. Remember, if you or your address was used previously, you're ineligible to reapply.

Applications will be accepted in your name as it appears on the tribal roll. If your name has changed for any reason (marriage, divorce, legal name change), please forward a copy of that documentation along with your application. We'll then change your name on the tribal roll.

Because gaming revenues are used to purchase the computers, the IRS requires that recipients be taxed for the value of the computers. The value is determined by the individual purchase price. Computer recipients will be mailed a 1099-MISC form in January 2004 for use when filing their 2003 taxes. Individuals are responsible for all taxes associated with the computers.

Siletz News Letters Policy

Siletz News, a publication of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, is published once a month. Our editorial policy encourages input from readers about stories printed in *Siletz News* and other tribal issues.

All letters **must include** the author's signature, address, and phone number in order to be considered for publication. *Siletz News* reserves the right to edit any letter for clarity and length, and to refuse publication of any letter or any part of a letter that may contain profane language, libelous statements, personal attacks, or unsubstantiated statements.

Not all letters are guaranteed publication upon submission. Published letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of *Siletz News*, tribal employees, or Tribal Council.

Please type or write legibly. Letters longer than 450 words may be edited for length as approved by Tribal Council Resolution #96-142.

Please note: The general manager of the Siletz Tribe is the editor-in-chief of *Siletz News*.

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Deadline for the July issue is June 10. Photos are encouraged. Everyone loves photos of events, tribal members, and especially babies. Don't forget those birthday or anniversary wishes for loved ones. Be sure to read the Passages Policy on page 24 when submitting good wishes and photos for Passages.

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