

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

Tribal Election News

The application form to fill out to run for Tribal Council can be found in this issue of *Siletz News* on page 17. It also is posted in all tribal offices in Portland, Salem, Eugene, and the main office in Siletz. The deadline to apply for Tribal Council by submitting a completed form is 4 p.m. on Dec. 24, 2003.

If for any reason a candidate wishes to withdraw his/her application, he/she has a deadline of Dec. 29 to notify the Election Board. After that date, a candidate can withdraw, but his/her name will still appear on the ballot.

Tribal members are reminded to use their full legal name as it appears on the tribal roll when filling out the application.

Additionally, if you have a photo and candidate's statement that you want included in the Tribal Voter's Pamphlet, please submit that by 4 p.m. on Dec. 24, 2003. You may submit an electronic

version to pias@ctsi.nsn.us or a hard copy may be mailed to the Election Board, P.O. Box 490, Siletz, OR 97380. Lastly, a copy may be hand-delivered to the tribal offices in Siletz no later than 4 p.m. on Dec. 24, 2003.

A candidate's fair will take place on Jan. 10, 2004, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Tribal Community Center in Siletz. All tribal members and candidates are invited to attend and discuss candidate platforms. Election Director Dan Van Otten will facilitate the meeting.

This year's Election Board consists of Shannon Case, Lisa Norton, Christine Goodell, and Tina Retasket.

Need to Update Your Signature Card?

Each year, the Enrollment clerk mails out signature cards to tribal members who are not registered to vote and tribal members who need a new signature card. (If the Enrollment clerk is a candidate for Tribal Council, an alternate staff person will be designated to carry out this responsibility.)

Signing and submitting a signature card allows tribal members to receive a ballot in the mail, rather than having to vote in person. Tribal members can elect to vote in person on election day, but many voters find it convenient to vote by absentee ballot rather than travel to Siletz on election day.

If you do not have a signature card on file, please contact the Enrollment

Clerk at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 258, or 541-444-8258. Please leave your name and mailing address and one will be mailed to you.

Tribal members are reminded that if they have a name change from last year because of marriage, divorce, or other legal name change, they need to fill out and submit a new signature card. Tribal members who have turned 18 since last year's election also are encouraged to submit a signature card. The burden falls on the tribal member to stay current on signature cards.

If it has been a long time since you filed your signature card, you may want to consider filling out a new one.

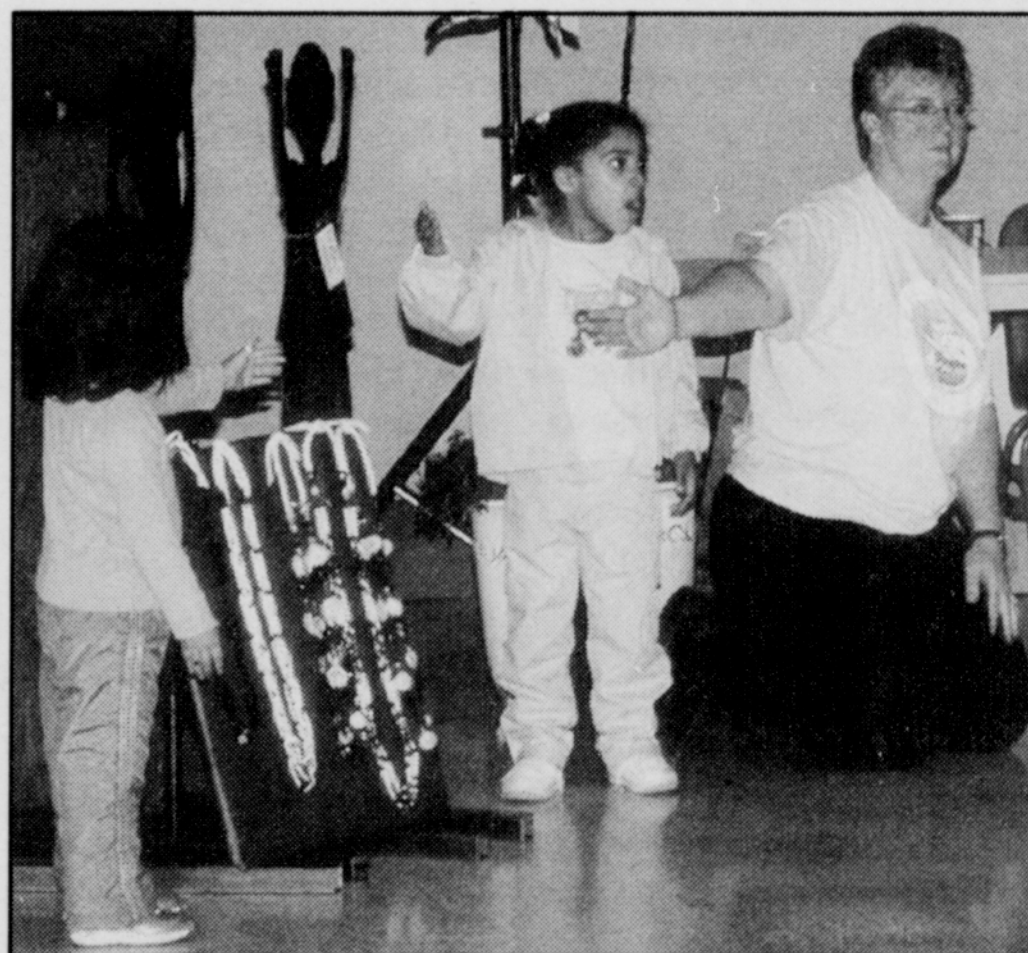
One of the most common problems with existing signature cards is that tribal members' signatures have changed significantly over the years. Then, when they submit their absentee ballots, the signatures have the potential to not match. If it has been a long time since you filed your signature card, you may want to consider updating your signature card as well.



Nancy Simmons (Count Dracula) and Tyson Haines guide children through the administration building.



Tim Limbert and Mike Sorensen emcee the Head Start Auction and recognize a lucky bidder.



Head Start helpers and Robin Limbert display necklaces for bid at the Head Start auction.

Election Deadlines

4 p.m. Dec. 24, 2003

Deadline to file for candidacy

4 p.m. Dec. 24, 2003

Deadline to submit a photo and/or candidate's statement for inclusion in the Tribal Voter's Pamphlet

4 p.m. Dec. 29, 2003

Deadline to withdraw name from candidacy and not have your name appear on the ballot

Week of Jan. 5, 2004

Absentee ballots mailed out

1 p.m. Jan. 10, 2004

Candidate's Fair, Tribal Community Center, Siletz

4 p.m. Jan. 30, 2004

Deadline to request a mail-in ballot

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 7, 2004

In-person voting at tribal elections, Tribal Community Center, Siletz

4 p.m. Feb. 7, 2004

Deadline for returning absentee ballots