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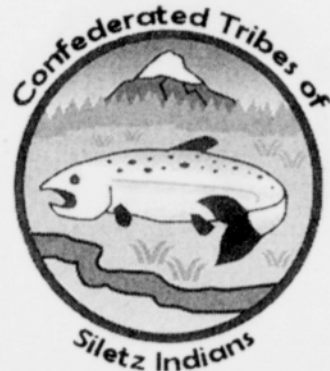
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Computers Again to Come from Gateway

by Tina Retasket

Last month I reported that the tribe had contracted with an Indian-owned firm, Lakota Office & Technology, to purchase desktop and laptop computers for tribal members. Unfortunately, after we placed our first order we discovered that Lakota – without our prior knowledge or approval – substituted what we considered to be inferior computers.

After several weeks of discussion with Lakota staff members, we were unable to reach an agreement and have terminated the contract with them. Currently, we are working with tribal members who received computers from Lakota to get them returned. Once they are returned, we are ordering new computers for those eligible tribal members.

Tribal Council approved awarding the contract to our second-place bidder – Gateway Computers. Gateway agreed to honor its original bid from several months ago and we already have placed our first order.

As you may recall, we ordered from Gateway the previous three years and we are pleased to be working with this company again. It has provided excellent service to us in the past.

If you would like an application, please call me at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1210, or 541-444-8210. Please leave your name, telephone number, and mailing address. Please speak slowly and indicate if you are seeking an application for a desktop (tribal member households), NIC application (desktop for non-tribal custodial parents), or laptop (college-level students).

Tech Support

If you received a computer in 2002 from Gateway, the three-year warranty has expired.

You still can receive technical support by calling Gateway's toll-free number below. Tech support is available 24/7:

1-800-846-2303

Is Your Computer Slowing Down?

by Tina Retasket

If you find your computer slowing down, there can be many causes. The first thing you should do is call Gateway Technical Support for assistance.

If you (or your friends, family, children, etc.) download games, music, or programs onto your computer, the operating system may become slow. Here are some things you can do at home that might help:

Defragment – When you add and delete files, gaps are created by your computer files. To help the operating system work more smoothly and quickly, you should defragment the files. This causes the gaps to be filled in and more memory to be available to you. You can perform this maintenance task by going to the following – Start, Programs, Accessories, System Tools.

Temporary Files – When working on your computer and when downloading

information from the Internet, your computer automatically creates temporary files. These temporary files do not go away once you have finished with the file or saved it permanently, and take up valuable space on your computer.

You can delete these temporary files by looking under “My Computer” on your desktop and clicking on Control Panel, Internet Options, Delete Cookies and Delete Temporary Files.

Upgrade Memory – Computers over the years have developed and increased their capacity. Older computers (from 2002 and 2003), however, may be due for a memory upgrade.

To find out what type and capacity your computer can increase to, locate the serial number on the back of it and con-

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Debbie Williams

Williams Named Employee of the Year

Debbie Williams was named Employee of the Year for the Siletz Tribe at the all-staff meeting in December.

Debbie was nominated by Sue Langstaff, who wrote: “This year I have undergone major illness. Debbie was there for me each and every day. She answered

questions, reminded me of dates, came by to see me, and worked with the various people towards my well-being. Many of the things Debbie had done were above and beyond her job duties, taking personal time to stop by, to e-mail a funny joke or touching story, or offering a kind word.”

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