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## Restoration Celebration and Pow-Wow set for Mid-November

by Brent Merrill

Members of the Siletz Tribe are set to celebrate their annual Restoration holiday on Nov. 15 at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, Ore.

"The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians invites you to celebrate with us at our 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Restoration Pow-Wow," said Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley in an open invitation to Tribal members and the general public.

The Tribe is celebrating Public Law 95-195, which re-established government-to-government relations between the people of the Tribe and the federal government. The Siletz Tribe was the second Tribe in the country to achieve Restoration and the first Tribe in Oregon to gain that recognition. Most western Oregon Tribes were terminated in 1954.

Tribal members began to meet in the late 1960s and early 1970s to plan a return. They met in Siletz on evenings and weekends and Tribal members pooled their money for coffee at the meetings that would lead to the reorganization of the Tribal government and structure as a community.

It took many years, but Tribal members were rewarded for the perseverance when in 1977, then-President Jimmy Carter signed Public Law 95-195, which reinstated the Tribe to federally recognized status by the United States.

Today, the Tribe is dedicated to improving the quality of life of its more than 4,500 Tribal members. The Tribe is focused on the education, health and the social services members need.

Tribal leadership has accomplished many things for members to share pride in. In 1991, the Tribe opened a health clinic in Siletz and since then has built more than 100 homes for Tribal members.

In 1995, the Tribe opened Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City, which quickly became a must-see for the locals and the tourists who support the businesses on the central Oregon coast.

In 1996, the Tribe dedicated a new Dance House on traditional grounds.

In 2003, the Tribe celebrated the opening of the Tenas Illahee Childcare

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Gushchu Garcia at the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Restoration Pow-Wow in 2007

Photo by Brent Merrill

## Siletz Tribe Purchases Imprints in Lincoln City

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The Siletz Tribe has purchased Imprints in the Oceanlake area of Lincoln City. Imprints is a printing business that is located at 1520 NE Highway 101.

"We are very pleased to announce the purchase of Imprints in Lincoln City," said Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley. "We are very happy to continue to be a vital part of our community and this purchase allows us to continue our trend of investing in our community."

The Tribe took over business operations as of Oct. 20 and acquired the business through its economic development arm – the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation (STBC).

"Imprints fit nicely into our STBC Board's goals, so we presented it to them for consideration," said Tribal Economic Development Director Dave Tovey. "We are pleased to be taking this step."

Tovey noted that STBC Property Specialist Cynthia Farlow got the idea of presenting the business to the board for its consideration after meeting with previous Imprints owner Ann Elsasser.

Elsasser owned and operated the business for the previous 11 years. Elsasser, who also owns Granny's Attic, is well-



known in the Lincoln City business and civic community.

"Our board asked that our staff be on the lookout for businesses that not only support the local economy, but also look at businesses that our Tribe and its businesses use," said Pigsley. "We have used Imprints products and services over the years and we have always been very

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Delores Pigsley, Cynthia Farlow, Frank Simmons, Rueben Johnsen, David Tovey, Ann Elsasser, Tammy Viles, Lillie Butler, Robert Kentta and Reggie Butler Sr. stand in front of Imprints, the latest business venture of the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation.

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