

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

General Council Meeting

May 2, 2009
Siletz Tribal
Community Center
Siletz, Oregon

1 p.m. Call to Order
Invocation
Flag Salute
Programs:
Healthy Family Healthy
Child Project
Special Presentation
Tribal Members' Concerns
Chairman's Report
Announcements
Adjourn

Nesika Illahee
Pow-Wow

Royalty Crown Proposals Due

The Pow-Wow Committee is now accepting proposals for the 2009-2010 Royalty Crowns, which are for Miss Siletz, Jr. Miss Siletz and Little Miss Siletz.

All entries must be submitted with a proposed design, including color scheme, size of crown(s), size of beads and total cost.

You can submit a proposal for as many crowns as you would like by no later than March 20, 2009. Send proposals to:

Siletz Pow-Wow Committee
P.O. Box 549
Siletz, OR 97380-0549

Entries also can be dropped off with Mona Fisher at the Tribal Community Center.

Attention Tribal Artists

The 2009 Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow is having a logo contest. The winner will receive a cash prize and his/her work will be used for pow-wow flyers and merchandise.

Please submit your drawings to Mona Fisher at the Tribal Community Center or send them to:

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
Attn: Pow-Wow Logo Contest
P.O. Box 549
Siletz, OR 97380-0549

All entries must be received no later than March 20, 2009.



Photo by Diane Rodriguez

TRIBAL LEADERSHIP – 2009 Siletz Tribal Council: Lillie Butler; Loraine Butler; Delores Pigsley, chairman; Lisa Brown; Reggie Butler Sr.; Tina Retasket, secretary; Robert Kentta; Jessie Davis, treasurer; and Alfred "Bud" Lane III, vice chairman

Election, con't from page 1

Pigsley currently has served 23.5 years as Tribal chairman out of 28 years on the council, while Davis has served 20 years on the Tribal Council; Lillie Butler has served 17; Reggie Butler, 12; Lane, 11; Kentta and Loraine Butler, four each; Retasket, one; and Brown is starting her first term.

"In the upcoming year, I'd like to see an open forum, moderated for civility,

where elected officials and staff would post responses to questions and comments of contention. Hard copies of this information could be printed and mailed to members who don't have computers. I see the site Siletz.net as a good example to use," said Brown. "Prioritizing this goal would help members become better informed in a timely manner and cut expenses."

Nine hundred forty-nine ballots were returned out of the 2,263 ballots that were issued. Enrolled members of the Siletz Tribe who are age 18 or older are eligible to vote in Tribal elections. Twelve candidates ran for the three open positions and the three who received the most votes were elected.

The Tribe has more than 4,500 enrolled members.

Apology, con't from page 1

The apology reads as follows:

"I'd like to offer my deepest sympathies to the family of Frank Simmons at their time of great loss and to offer an apology for our insensitivity," said Bryan in his letter. "Having published comments attributed to Mr. Simmons in an article that appeared in the *News-Times* on Friday, January 23, we no doubt compounded the intensity of the grief and mourning for the countless folks who came to know and love Frank. I am profoundly sorry.

"We can do better ... We will do better.

"Respectfully,
Mark Bryan"

Tribal Chairman Dee Pigsley responded to the *News-Times* in a letter to the editor:

"This letter is meant to share with you our sadness, disappointment and

outrage over the recent inclusion of respected Tribal Elder and Tribal Council member Frank Simmons in an inaccurate and unfairly biased article about Tribal Council elections (Siletz ready for council elections) on the day of his funeral," said Chairman Pigsley.

"In all my years of serving the Tribe, reporter Terry Dillman has taken news articles to a new level of thoughtlessness and shows a blatant disregard for the facts. I am so disappointed in the article. To take a statement by a respected member of our community and place it in an article about a controversy that has been created by a willing newspaper editor and a reporter, and to do it on the day we laid to rest our beloved council member is disrespectful and insensitive.

"Our Tribe has more than 4,500 members, yet only two disgruntled Tribal members are allowed an opportunity to discredit our government. Your newspaper lets this happen and never contacts anyone to validate issues or facts.

"Terry Dillman's reporting is a detriment to our community and to your newspaper. Newspapers should report in a fair and honest manner. The people in our community rely on your newspaper for actual and factual news that is fair and unbiased.

"Sincerely,
Dee Pigsley, Tribal Chairman"

Bryan suggested regular meetings between himself and Tribal Public Information staff as a way to ensure better coverage of Tribal events.