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Tribal Council members Robert Kentta, Loraine Butler, Tina Retasket, Reggie Butler Sr., Lillie Butler, Jessie Davis and Delores Pigsley help cut the ribbon to officially open the new Siletz Community Health Clinic on May 12. Opening ceremonies were followed by a health fair that lasted into the evening.

New Clinic Opens with Sense of Accomplishment, Renewed Purpose

Muschamp Called Driving Force Behind Project; Health Fair Draws Large Crowd for Hours

By Diane Rodriguez

The "oohs" and "ahhs" came in abundance on May 12 as the Siletz Community Health Clinic held a grand opening celebration and health fair at its new facility.

The new building, at 200 Gwee-Shut Road in Siletz, is three times bigger than the old facility, located next to the Tribal administration building. This is evident from the first glimpse of the clinic as you crest of the hill on Gwee-Shut Road

The drum group Bear Spirit kicked off the grand opening as it brought in the Color Guard of Dennis Lane, Stan Werth, Heather Walker, Tony Molina and Clint Muschamp. Dan Lundy from Sacred Ground Outreach provided the opening prayer.

"I'm pleased to see how many people came and are interested in our health clinic," said Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley in her opening remarks. "It's exactly what we told Congress in the seventies

at the first hearing on Restoration – that we would provide health care to our members – and that's exactly what we did."

Roselyn Tso, director of Service Unit and Tribal Operations at the Indian Health Service, conveyed words of praise from Doni Wilder, Portland Area director at IHS, who could not attend the event.

"Congratulations on the grand opening of the Siletz Community Health Clinic. It's a testament to the leaders of CTSI and the Tribal community at large,"

said Tso. "It's been a privilege of IHS to help fund this facility."

Members of the Siletz Royalty then performed *The Lord's Prayer* in sign language. Participants included Jennifer Easter, Miss Siletz; Makiah Woodruff, Little Miss Siletz; Amber Yarbrough, Little Miss Siletz Princess; and Ashliegh Ramirez, Jr. Miss Siletz Princess.

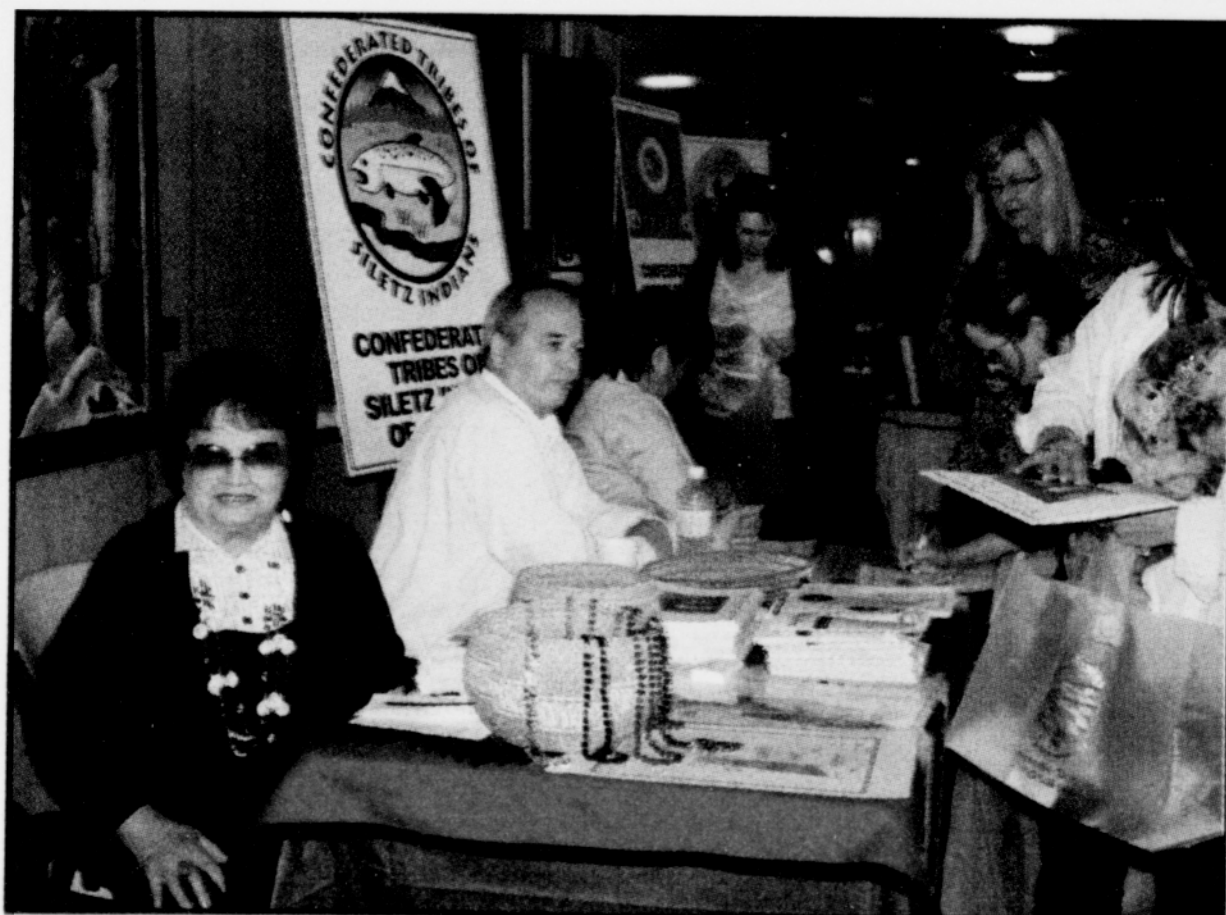
Katie Gauthier, field representative from the office of Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley, delivered a message of congratulations from the senator.

"I'm proud to continue working with you to provide health care and to work on other projects," she said.

Giving Credit Where It's Due

Judy Muschamp, Tribal health director, graciously received words of praise from Tso and Wilder.

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Donna Woods and Bud Lane share Siletz culture and history with participants who attended Tribal Government Day. All nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon set up information tables for the day, helping to kick off Oregon Indian Week.

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