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Photo by Natasha Kavanaugh

Saul Jurado dances during a men's exhibition dance at the Third Annual Gathering of Oregon's First Nations Pow-Wow in Salem, Ore., on Jan. 29. The five federally recognized Tribes of Western Oregon hosted the event, which included Tribal informational and cultural booths, Native craft demonstrations and Tribal vendors along with the dancing, drumming and singing of the pow-wow. See more photos on pages 12-13.



Photo by Natasha Kavanaugh

The 2011 Siletz Tribal Council includes (l to r) Reggie Butler Sr., Alfred "Bud" Lane III, Loraine Butler, Robert Kentta, Jessie Davis, Delores Pigsley, Sharon Edenfield and Tina Retasket. Not pictured: Lillie Butler

Incumbents are re-elected to Tribal Council Officers also selected

By Diane Rodriguez

Robert Kentta, Loraine Butler and Tina Retasket were re-elected to the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians in elections held Feb. 5.

Kentta, from Logsdon, Ore., was re-elected with 422 votes; Butler, from Siletz, Ore., was re-elected with 365 votes; and Retasket, also from Siletz, was re-elected with 365 votes.

Six candidates ran for the three open positions and the three who received the most votes were elected.

These individuals will serve with Reggie Butler Sr. and Sharon Edenfield, both of Siletz, and Jessie Davis of Keizer, Ore., whose terms expire in 2012; and with Alfred "Bud" Lane III and Lillie Butler, both of Siletz, and Delores Pigsley, also of Keizer, whose terms expire in 2013. Term of office is three years for each position on the nine-member council.

Seven hundred four ballots were returned and accepted. Enrolled members of the Siletz Tribe who are age 18 or older are eligible to vote in Tribal elections. The Tribe has more than 4,700 enrolled members.

The swearing-in ceremony for the re-elected council members took place Feb. 6. Officers are elected on an annual basis and those selected for 2011 include:

Delores Pigsley, chairman
Alfred "Bud" Lane III, vice chairman
Tina Retasket, secretary
Jessie Davis, treasurer

Pigsley currently has served 25.5 years as Tribal chairman out of 32 years on the council, while Davis has served 22 years on the Tribal Council; Lillie Butler has served 19; Reggie Butler, 14; Lane, 13; Kentta and Loraine Butler, six each; Retasket, three; and Edenfield less than two years.

The Siletz Tribe has spent the last 33 years rebuilding its government and economic structure. The signing of Public Law 95-195 in 1977, which restored government-to-government relations between the Siletz Tribe and the federal government, started this process. The Siletz Tribe was the second in the nation – and the first in Oregon – to achieve restoration.

The Siletz Tribe was among the first to become a self-governance Tribe, giving Tribal government more control over services provided to Tribal members. Under self-governance, the U.S. government provides general funding to the Tribe (rather than to specific programs), then

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