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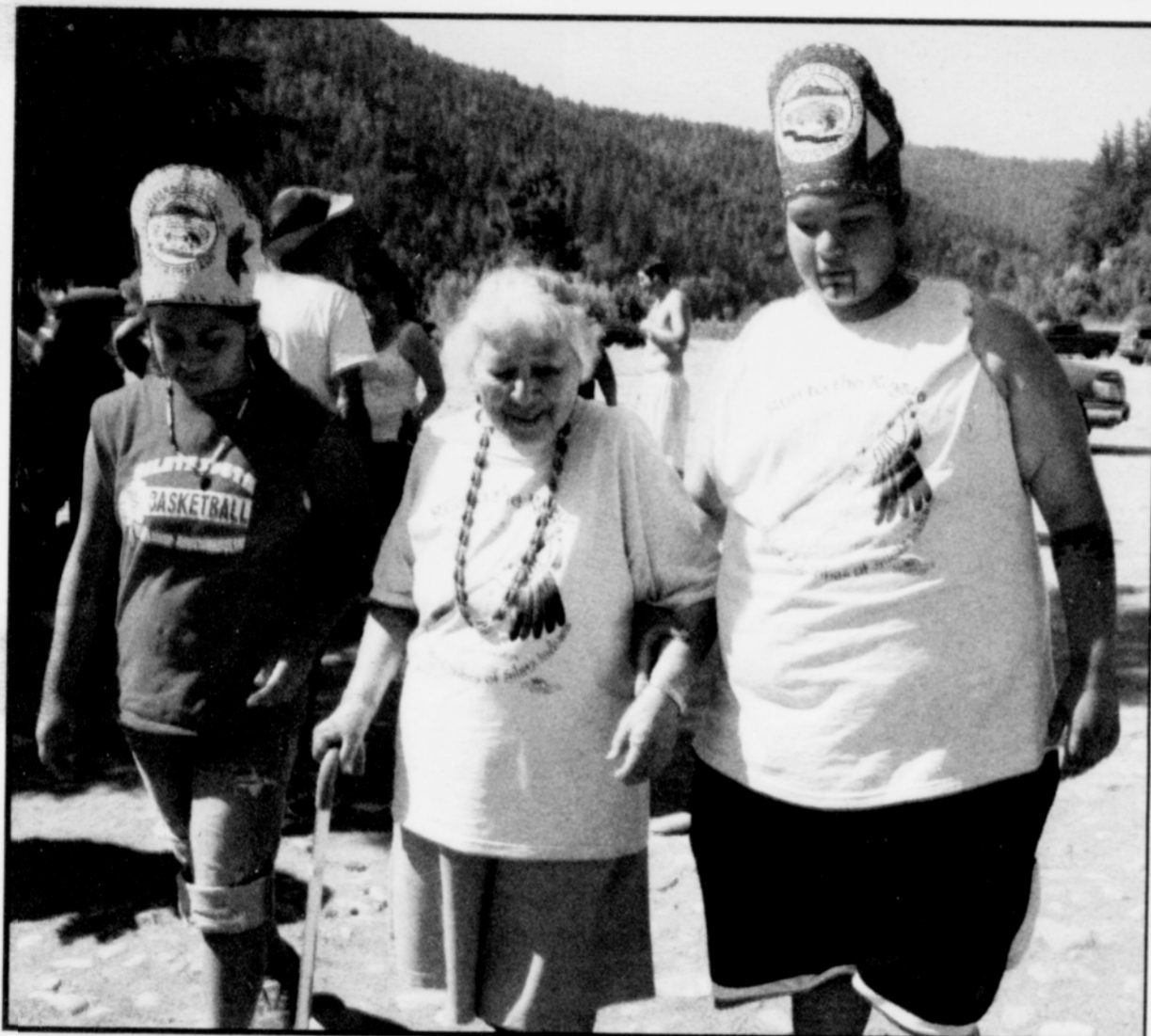
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Sister Francella walks on

Siletz Tribal members celebrated the life of Sister Francella on Jan. 19 as she was laid to rest in the Paul Washington Cemetery in Siletz.

Sister Francella (Florence Griggs) died Jan. 7, weeks after suffering a stroke and heart attack. She was the daughter of Lloyd Manley and Amanda West Griggs, the older of two daughters.

She was the granddaughter of John and Netty West; great-granddaughter of Kiota Jim of the upper Rogue River; and great-great-granddaughter of Tenas Tyee, a signer of the Galice Creek Treaty. She died just short of her 92nd birthday, which would have been on Feb. 5.

Sister Francella was one of several Tribal elders who fought for Restoration in the 1970s. She's pictured in the often-seen photo of Siletz Tribal leaders testifying before Congress in Washington, D.C. She served on the Siletz Tribal Council for several years.

For additional information on Sister Francella, see page 5.

Photo by Natasha Kavanaugh

Junior Miss Siletz Clarinda Black (left) and Miss Siletz Jennifer Easter (right) walk alongside Sister Francella during Run to the Rogue in 2011.

Salazar names members to national commission on Indian trust reform

Commission to look at how Interior manages nearly \$4 billion in Indian trust funds

WASHINGTON – As part of President Obama's commitment to fulfilling this nation's trust responsibilities to American Indians, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar has named five prominent American Indians to a national commission that will undertake a forward-looking, comprehensive evaluation of Interior's trust management of nearly \$4 billion in American Indian trust funds.

"This commission will play a key role in our ongoing efforts to empower Indian nations and strengthen nation-to-nation relationships," Salazar said in naming the appointees to the Secretarial

Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform in November. "The five members each bring extensive experience and knowledge to the commission and I look forward to their findings and recommendations for how we can fully meet our trust responsibilities to the First Americans."

"Our trust administration must be more transparent, responsive, customer-friendly and accountable in managing these substantial funds and assets," Deputy Secretary of the Interior David J. Hayes said. "Building upon the progress made with the historic Cobell settlement, this commission will help usher in a new era of trust administration."

The members of the commission are:

- Chair – Fawn R. Sharp is the current president of the Quinault Indian

Nation and the current president of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians. She is a former administrative law judge for the State of Washington and governor of the Washington State Bar Association.

- Dr. Peterson Zah, an established leader in American Indian government and education circles, was the last chairman of the Navajo Tribal Council and the first elected president of the Navajo Nation.
- Stacy Leeds, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, is dean and professor of law at the University of Arkansas School of Law. He is the former director of the Tribal Law and Government Center at the University of Kansas School of Law.
- Tex G. Hall is the current chairman of Three Affiliated Tribes and past president of the National Congress

of American Indians. He currently is serving as chairman of the Inter-Tribal Economic Alliance and as chairman of the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Association.

- Bob Anderson, an enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (Bois Forte Band), worked at the Department of Interior from 1995-2001 as associate solicitor for Indian affairs and as counselor to the secretary of the interior on Indian law and natural resource issues. He is currently a professor of law and director of the Native American Law Center at the University of Washington and holds a long-term appointment as the Oneida Nation Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School.

See Trust Reform on page 5.



Photo by Diane Rodriguez

2012 Tribal Council candidates (l to r) Jane John, Jessie Davis, Gerald Ben, Angela Ramirez, Sharon Edenfield, Frank Aspria Sr., Gloria Ingle, Kelley Ellis and Reggie Butler Sr. gather at the end of the Candidates Fair at Chinook Winds Casino Resort, which also was attended by Delight Attebury.

Ballots are due by 4 p.m. on Feb. 4. You can vote in person at the Siletz Tribal Community Center on Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.