



Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley (right photo, second from right) joins other Tribal leaders to talk about issues and accomplishments during Oregon Tribal Governments Legislative Day at the state Capitol on Feb. 20. Mike Kennedy, Tribal Natural Resources manager (below), points out the various activities the department is involved in.



Photos by Diane Rodriguez

Teresa Ueland, Bekki Lundy and Wendi Schamp (photo below) join Kelley Ellis, CARE Program coordinator/advocate (right), during the local One Billion Rising walk, part of a global movement to end violence against women and girls.



Tribal members again re-elect incumbents to Tribal Council in 2013 vote

Officers remain the same, except for change of treasurer

By Diane Rodriguez

Lillie Butler, Alfred (Bud) Lane III and Delores Pigsley were re-elected to the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians in elections held Feb. 2.

Butler, from Siletz, Ore., was re-elected with 301 votes; Lane, also from Siletz, was re-elected with 340 votes; and Pigsley, from Keizer, Ore., was re-elected with 331 votes. Eight candidates ran for the three open positions and the three who received the most votes were elected.

These individuals will serve with Robert Kentta of Logsdon, Ore., and Loraine Butler and Tina Retasket, both of

Siletz, whose terms expire in 2014; and Reggie Butler Sr. and Sharon Edenfield, both of Siletz, and Jessie Davis of Salem, Ore., whose terms expire in 2015. Term of office is three years for each position on the nine-member council.

Six hundred seventy-eight ballots were returned and accepted. Enrolled members of the Siletz Tribe who are age 18 and older are eligible to vote in Tribal

elections. The Tribe has more than 4,900 enrolled members.

The swearing-in ceremony for the re-elected council members took place Feb. 3. Officers are elected on an annual basis and those selected for 2013 include:

- Delores Pigsley, chairman
- Alfred (Bud) Lane III, vice chairman
- Tina Retasket, secretary
- Robert Kentta, treasurer



Photo by Natasha Kavanaugh

The 2013 Siletz Tribal Council, l to r: Reggie Butler Sr., Lillie Butler, Robert Kentta, Loraine Butler, Alfred (Bud) Lane III, Tina Retasket, Delores Pigsley, Jessie Davis and Sharon Edenfield

Pigsley currently has served 27.5 years as Tribal chairman out of 34 years on the council, while Davis has served 24 years on the Tribal Council; Lillie Butler has served 21; Reggie Butler, 16; Lane, 15; Kentta and Loraine Butler, eight each; Retasket, five; and Edenfield less than four years.

The Siletz Tribe has spent the last 35 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

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