



Tribe to end agreement with City of Toledo for law enforcement services

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians has notified the City of Toledo that it will terminate its agreement for police services effective March 18, 2014.

Continued reductions to its budget, initiated by the economic downtrend that started in 2008 and again reduced by last year's sequestration efforts, forced the Tribe to approach the City of Siletz to discuss the city's potential assistance with funding for police services.

To this end, the Tribe collaborated with the city and the Siletz Rural Fire District to pursue a local levy to generate additional revenue for these services. The three groups conducted a survey of area residents, the results of which the Tribe interpreted as being favorable toward a levy for police services.

At its meeting on Jan. 13, 2014, however, the Siletz City Council expressed opposition to pursuing a law enforcement levy. According to Siletz Mayor John Robinson, the City Council indicated that

the survey results did not support a law enforcement levy and that a levy would be too burdensome for city residents.

"It is with great reluctance that we have to terminate this agreement with the City of Toledo. Its police officers have become a familiar and important presence in our community," said Bonnie Petersen, Tribal assistant general manager. "We had hoped to collaborate with the City of Siletz and the fire district to continue to provide area residents with law enforce-

ment services. Hopefully, this will come to fruition sometime in the future."

Since June 2007, the Siletz Tribe has contracted with the Toledo Police Department, which has provided law enforcement services to all residents and properties located on Tribal land in the Siletz community and for all residents and properties located within the boundaries of the City of Siletz.

These services included weekly patrol time, dispatch services, records management, evidence storage and crime reporting.



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Proposed Tribal Marriage Ordinance and Dissolution of Marriage Ordinance Posted for Review and Comment

On Jan. 17, 2014, Tribal Council introduced two ordinances – the Marriage Ordinance and the Dissolution of Marriage Ordinance. The ordinances were read into the record and Tribal Council recommended that they be posted on the website for review and comment.

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians developed these ordinances to establish Tribal law governing recognition and formation of marriages and marriage equality, and to provide for dissolution of marriages under Tribal law.

Please submit any recommended changes or questions to the Legal Department at traceyw@ctsi.nsn.us; or to the attention of Tracey Worman, Legal Assistant, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549; or fax 541-444-8349.

Comments must be received on or before Feb. 20, 2014, so they can be considered by Tribal Council.

The Legal Department will compile the comments and report them, along with answers to any questions raised, to Tribal Council for its consideration at its February meeting.



Courtesy photo by Alicia Keene

Sheryl Simmons and her granddaughters, Emily Simmons (left) and Tehya Seltenreich (right) stand in the jaws of a whale at the Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport, Ore. They joined Tribal Head Start students from Siletz and Lincoln City in a trip to the aquarium. See more photos on pages 10-11.

Indian Fair set for May 10; families invited to take part

Siletz Tribal members are invited to participate in the Indian Fair set for May 10, 2014, sponsored by the Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society.

The theme of the fair is "Sharing our culture, educating our community." The admission-free event will take place from noon to 5 p.m. at the National Guard Armory in Newport, Ore., located at 541 SW Coast Highway.

The purpose of the Indian Fair is two-fold – to proudly share Siletz Tribal culture and history with Siletz Tribal members and also with the surrounding communities.

This is reminiscent of Indian fairs held in the early 1900s but different in that there will be no competition among the creations that are displayed. This will be strictly a time of sharing who we are as a people, our traditions, history and culture.

Families are invited to bring regalia, baskets and other art forms, both historic and contemporary, to display. Tables will be available at no cost for this purpose and the area set aside for display will be cordoned off and secure.

Tables also will be available for vendors for a \$50 fee.

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