



Butler, Kentta re-elected to Tribal Council; Ingle joins council for first time

Officers also selected; Pigsley remains chair

By Diane Rodriguez

Robert Kentta, Loraine Butler and Gloria Ingle were elected to the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians in elections held Feb. 1.

Kentta, from Logsden, Ore., was re-elected with 350 votes; Butler, from Siletz, Ore., was re-elected with 339 votes; and Ingle, from Lincoln City, Ore., was elected with 258 votes.

Nine 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 Salem, Ore., whose terms expire in 2015; and Lillie Butler and Alfred (Bud) Lane III, both of Siletz, and Delores Pigsley, of Keizer, Ore., whose terms expire in 2016. Term of office is three years for each position on the nine-member council.

Six hundred forty-three 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 newly elected council members took place Feb. 2. Officers are elected on an annual basis and those selected for 2014 include:

Delores Pigsley, chairman
Alfred (Bud) Lane III, vice chairman
Sharon Edenfield, secretary
Gloria Ingle, treasurer*

Pigsley currently has served 28.5 years as Tribal chairman out of 35 years on the council, while Davis has served 25 years on the Tribal Council; Lillie Butler has served 22; Reggie Butler, 17; Lane,

16; Kentta and Loraine Butler, nine each; Edenfield nearly five years; and the newly elected Ingle.

The Siletz Tribe has spent the last 36 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.

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2014 Siletz Tribal Council (l to r): Reggie Butler Sr., Lillie Butler, Loraine Butler, Robert Kentta, Alfred (Bud) Lane III, Gloria Ingle, Delores Pigsley, Sharon Edenfield and Jessie Davis.

Preparation continues for Indian Fair, effort to share culture with community

Free event celebrates first fairs in early 1900s

Siletz Tribal members are invited to participate in the Indian Fair set for May 10, sponsored by the Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society in cooperation with the Siletz Cultural Department and other Tribal programs.

The theme of the fair is *Sharing Our Culture, Educating Our Community*. This admission-free event will take place from noon to 5 p.m. at the National Guard Armory in Newport, Ore., at 541 SW Coast Highway.

The 2014 Indian Fair is a modest celebration of the much-larger Siletz Indian Fair that began in 1915. Our original Siletz Indian Fair was a three-day event that began with a parade.

During the course of the three days, judging took place of farm animals, farm implements, crops, vegetables, fruits, poultry, needlework, cooking, photography and painting, Indian baskets, Indian beadwork, Indian implements, school exhibits and academic categories.

The fair also included daily athletic competition, Native dancing, a play and a musical program.

Our entire community planned the Indian Fair. In 1917, the Executive Board of Directors included Joseph Dowd, president; Homer Evans, vice-president;

Wolverton Orton, secretary-treasurer; Adelaide Adams, assistant secretary; and John Adams Sr. and Russell Adams, directors of sports.

Other board members included John Adams, James Battise, Ned Evans,

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Tribal items are on display in this photo from a previous Indian Fair.



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