

Early Tribal history featured in new novel; book launch set for Tribal center

The early history and lands of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians are featured in a novel being released by former longtime Siletz resident Grace Castle.

The book launch at the Siletz Tribal Community Center on Government Hill on Dec. 1 from 3-5 p.m. is open to all. Books will be available for cash sales. Happy to announce that Best on the Rez will serve fry bread at the event.

A Time to Wail, An Indian Country Novel is told by Native American protagonist Ellie Carlisle who, though once

a teenage runaway, returns to Siletz for the funeral of her 17-year-old son. Ellie has retained little respect for her heritage after living away from the reservation, but messages from her dead son call her back to deal with grave robbing issues and the alleged wrongful conviction of a cousin.

Castle has used her understanding of Tribal culture, her involvement in the restoration of the Siletz Tribe and her experiences as a professional investigator of grave robbing, murder and sexual abuse cases to

enrich the fictional story of a young woman torn between the teachings of her grandmother and the ways of the white world.

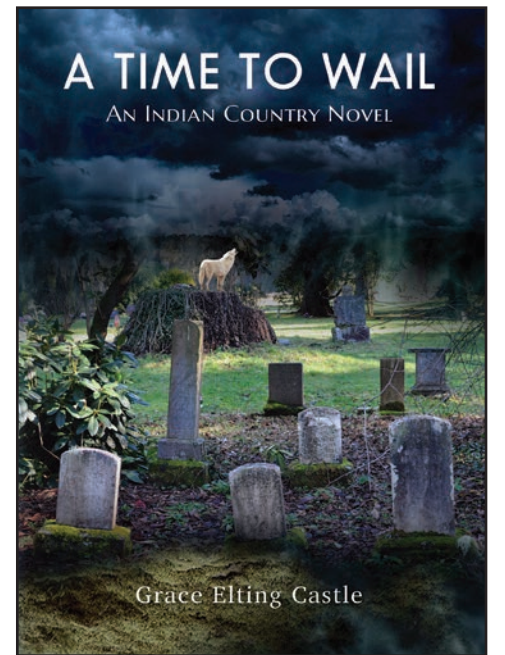
A Time to Wail will be available from Amazon.com and most other online booksellers, as well as in book stores and libraries. For searching: Author name is Grace Elting Castle.

Castle encourages everyone to attend the Dec. 1 event at the tribal community center, "It's a celebration and I look forward to seeing old friends, new friends and all my relatives."



Courtesy photo

Grace Castle



About the author

Grace Elting Castle was raised on the Siletz Indian Reservation in Siletz, Ore. She is a fierce protector of Native culture, traditions, stories, natural resources, sacred items and burial sites.

She was an outspoken advocate for the passage of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAG-PRA) and was often the lead investigator for American Indian defendants.

A member of the initial committee for restoration of Tribal rights terminated by the U.S. government, she later helped the Tribe regain its largest burial ground as well as the surrounding acreage known as Government Hill. In 1985, she led a successful drive to strengthen Oregon's law against the robbing of American Indian gravesites.

Castle is a retired professional investigator, a nationally recognized writer/editor and an award-winning newspaper reporter and photographer.

She edited and co-authored the critically acclaimed investigative textbooks

Advanced Forensic Civil Investigations, Advanced Forensic Criminal Defense Investigations and Corporate Investigations.

She represented the National Association of Legal Investigators (NALI) on the planning committee for the 1998 Wrongful Convictions and the Death Penalty Conference in Chicago and was a speaker at the event. In 2001, she co-sponsored and chaired the first conference for investigators working on wrongful conviction cases.

She participated in the re-investigation of countless wrongful convictions during her years as the executive managing director and Innocence Project coordinator for Paul J. Ciolino and Associates in Chicago and continues the battle to reform our system of justice.

Castle is a past president of the Oregon Association of Legal Investigators, past regional director NALI and past editor of its educational journal, *The Legal Investigator*.

She has also served as editor of the National Association of Process Servers' newsletter, *The Docket Sheet*; as editor of the Pacific Northwest Legal Assistants' newsletter, *Hearsay*; and for more than a decade as editor of *PI Magazine, the Journal for Professional Investigators*.

A deep interest in the history of her paternal families, the Dutch and French Huguenots of the Hudson River Valley of New York state, resulted in her serving in several offices, including president and editor of the Bevier-Elting Family Association of New Paltz, NY.

She served on Historic Huguenot Street committees and in 2008, she published a 244-page book, *Answering the Call, An Elting Military Tribute*.

Castle is a past president of Paul Washington Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars 732 in Siletz, Ore.

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determination emerged as a central theme of the conference.

Speakers discussed the history of Indian gaming prior to IGRA, the watershed 1987 case of *California v. Cabazon*, the passage of IGRA and how Tribal nations have – despite IGRA's significant constrictions on aspects of Tribal sovereignty – successfully worked to ensure that gaming remains a vibrant tool of Tribal self-determination and economic development.

NIGC leadership shared their observations of the benefits that result when Tribal decision-making and Tribal capacity are supported, in line with IGRA's underlying self-determination principles. Speakers also touched on what the next 30 years of gaming will look like and how the industry has been and will continue to rapidly change.

"The future of Indian gaming is not yet written and policy makers would do well to build on the self-determination principles that have powered the successes of the last 30 years," said Jonodev Osceola Chaudhuri, NIGC chairman. "In evaluating the gains made over the last 30 years, we at the NIGC, as regulators, have seen the inarguable benefit of supporting Tribal decision-making wherever possible so that the primary regulators of Indian gam-

ing – the Tribes themselves – can pursue effective economic development tailored to their unique histories and landbases consistent with IGRA's policy goals and regulatory framework."

For more information, including conference materials and video from the event, please visit www.nigc.gov/public-affairs/reflecting-on-30-years-of-igra-page.

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act created the National Indian Gaming Commission to support Tribal self-sufficiency and the integrity of Indian gaming.

NIGC has developed four initiatives to support its mission, including (1) To protect against anything that amounts to gamesmanship on the backs of Tribes; (2) To stay ahead of the technology curve; (3) Rural outreach; and (4) To maintain a strong workforce within NIGC and with its Tribal regulatory partners.

NIGC oversees the efficient regulation of 506 gaming establishments operated by 246 Tribes across 29 states. The commission's dedication to compliance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act ensures the integrity of the growing \$32.4 billion Indian gaming industry.

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