



Tribal members return incumbents to council; officers remain same for 2019

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

Lane, from Siletz, Ore., was re-elected with 498 votes; Pigsley, from Keizer, Ore., was re-elected with 427 votes; and Butler, also from Siletz, was re-elected with 307 votes. Seven candidates ran for the three open positions and the three who received the most votes were elected.

These individuals will serve with Loraine Butler of Siletz; Gloria Ingle of Lincoln City, Ore.; and Robert Kentta of Logsdan, Ore., whose terms expire in 2020; and with Reggie Butler Sr., Sharon Edenfield and Angela Ramirez, all of Siletz, whose terms expire in 2021. Term of office is three years for each position on the nine-member council.

Seven hundred fourteen (714) 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 5,300 enrolled members.

The swearing-in ceremony for the newly elected council members took place



Photo by Andy Taylor

The 2019 Siletz Tribal Council includes (l to r) Lillie Butler; Reggie Butler; Delores Pigsley, chairman; Loraine Butler; Robert Kentta, treasurer; Bud Lane, vice chairman; Gloria Ingle; Angela Ramirez; and Sharon Edenfield, secretary.

Feb. 3. Officers are elected on an annual basis and those selected for 2019 include:

- Delores Pigsley, chairman
- Bud Lane, vice chairman
- Sharon Edenfield, secretary
- Robert Kentta, treasurer

Pigsley currently has served 33.5 years as Tribal chairman out of 40 years

on the council, while Lillie Butler has served 27; Reggie Butler, 22; Bud Lane, 21; Robert Kentta and Loraine Butler, 14 each; Sharon Edenfield, nearly 9 years; Gloria Ingle, 5 years; and Angela Ramirez, 1 year.

The Siletz Tribe has spent the last 41 years rebuilding its government and economic structure. The signing of Public Law 95-195 in 1977, which restored gov-

ernment-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. Under self-governance, the U.S. government provides general funding to the Tribe (rather than to specific programs), then Tribal employees and the Tribal Council decide how funds will be spent.

Significant Tribal accomplishments since Restoration include opening the original health clinic in 1991 and a new much larger clinic in 2010; building more than 150 homes and multiple dwellings for Tribal members, including 28 units at Neachesna Village in Lincoln City that have opened since 2009, 19 apartments in Siletz that opened in 2010 and 20 homes in the Tillamook subdivision in Siletz that have opened since 2013; completing the Siletz Dance House in 1996; opening the

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NEW SERVICES AVAILABLE

Mental Health Services & Life Alert

Mental Health Services

- What services are available?
 - Counseling services – individual or family
 - Psychiatry services
 - Psychology services
 - Up to eight visits annually (more if medically necessary)
- Who's eligible?
 - Siletz Tribal members eligible for Purchased Referred Care (PRC), formerly Contract Health Services (CHS)
- How do I get benefits?
 - Call PRC for benefits quarterly – just like for alternative health care. You will be approved for visits based on the quarter. For example, if you see a counselor monthly, you would use three visits and call the next quarter for approval of more visits (up to eight visits annually).
 - Prior to making an appointment with a counselor or psychiatrist of your choice, confirm the provider will accept PRC as payment.
 - Benefits are limited, first-come, first-served.
- What you need to know:

- Call in dates will be the first business day of each quarter; remaining dates of 2019: April 1, July 1 and Oct. 1.
- After calling PRC for benefits, the patient will receive a letter that lets them know what they are eligible for, how many visits and the benefit dollar amount. The letter also provides information that they can give to their provider so providers are aware of the payment process.

- Call PRC at 800-628-5720 or 541-444-9648 and speak with Rhonda Attridge, PRC Tech 1.

Life Alert

- Contact your local community health advocate (CHA) if you think you or another Tribal elder could benefit from Life Alert.
 - Eligibility Criteria:
 - Enrolled Tribal member eligible for PRC
 - Work with CHA to determine need and apply for local services
- Steps to get Life Alert:

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Remarks by NCAI President Jefferson Keel

17th Annual State of Indian Nations Address

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Chokma” Chokmashki ishlaka - Hash mohma ka sa yokpa ishlaka. Greetings! It's good you came and I'm happy you're here.

I thank Abba Binili, God, for bringing us together in a good way for this historic dialogue between Indian Country and the United States. On behalf of the 573 federally recognized Tribal nations, dozens of state-recognized Tribal nations and millions of Native people across this land, I welcome you, distinguished guests, and those watching around the globe to the 17th Annual State of Indian Nations address!

I am humbled to deliver this address. I consider it a great honor to serve Indian Country in this way.

I was also blessed to preside over our Annual Convention last October, where NCAI launched its 75th anniversary year as a difference-making organization protecting Tribal sovereignty and advancing Tribal priorities.

I stand here today to proudly proclaim to you, Congress, the administration and the world: The State of Indian Nations is **STRONG**, and we **GROW STRONGER** every day.

From our cultures and languages to our economies and political power, Tribal nations are crafting a **GREAT RESURGENCE** that is forging brighter futures for our communities and generations yet to come.

Despite facing strong headwinds and resistance, we are elevating our presence and voice in this country's public and policy discourse, at a time when it's most needed. We are claiming our rightful place as the original pieces in the mosaic of America and our rightful role as key contributors in charting its future course.

The signs of our resurgence are **EVERYWHERE**.

They are seen in sports and the arts, where increasingly we are sharing our stories and identities with mainstream society,

... from actor Wes Studi speaking his Cherokee language to the world at last year's Oscars ...

... to Onondaga lacrosse star Lyle Thompson turning an ugly display of racism into a teachable moment about dignity, empathy and cultural pride ...

They are seen in expressions of respect for Native people by those who mold America's youth,

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