



Council Chairman's Report

Delores Pigsley

From the Chairman's Office

On August 10, 1984, a historic event for our Tribe took place in Siletz. On that day, our Tribal Court heard its first case involving alleged abuse of Tribal Council authority. The Court unanimously struck down the actions of the Tribal Council in revoking severance pay previously granted to a discharged employee.

Our Tribal lawyer tells me that, in his judgment, the decision technically was wrong. I suspect that all lawyers who lose cases tell their clients that. More significant to me than the technical legal arguments was the fact that our system had one of its first real tests and, I feel, survived as a healthier and more responsive government.

Did you know that our Tribe is one of the few in the nation which has granted authority to review and overturn Tribal Council actions to its court. While this review authority is limited to questions involving our Constitution, it provides a significant check on the powers of the Tribal Council. The court system that we have established provides the opportunity for several tribal members to take part in the review process. With this system, I think we have developed the right balance between the necessity of the Tribal Council to operate with relatively broad discretion in most areas of government and the necessity to protect individual rights.

The first decision may have violated our lawyer's concept of how the Court should apply principles of constitutional interpretation. But I don't think we should be too concerned about how closely our Court mirrors the interpretations of state and federal courts or whether decisions are technically right or wrong — at least not at first. As time goes by, we will develop the system of conflict resolution that works best for us. In the meantime, I feel a sense of pride in being involved in this "first" for our system of government.

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Tribal Chairman

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Anyone who would be interested in reporting for the "Siletz News," please contact Ted Werth at 444-2536.

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97380

HUNTING & FISHING NOTICE

Starting this year Oregon State Game Officers will be checking tribal fishing and hunting licenses (Tribal ID cards) for a valid hunting and fishing sticker. Stickers will be issued to you when you receive your tag.

In the past those tribal members who were ruled ineligible because of past violations of the Tribal Hunting and Fishing Ordinance were able to use a tag issued to another tribal member. This was possible because even though validating stickers were issued by the Hunting and Fishing committee they weren't required or even checked by State Police.

This year however, at the request of the tribe, stickers will be checked by state game officers and those found without a valid sticker attached to the ID card will be treated as not having a valid license. If you are found in violation you will be cited accordingly.

The tribe has requested this of the State so that some form of control can be exercised over those who violate the Hunting and Fishing Ordinance as enforced by the Hunting and Fishing Committee.

NOTICE HELP NEEDED

Help is needed in the pick-up and delivery of deer and elk carcasses.

The Tribe receives a substantial proportion of deer and elk carcasses received by the state police. It is the tribe's responsibility to pick up these carcasses when they become available. This may include field dressing and skinning the animals after pick-up. It is important that several people be included on this list to ensure that someone will be available when a call is received.

At the present time the Tribe is paying \$5.00 per hour plus mileage reimbursement. This may increase somewhat in October. If you are interested or want more information contact Ted Werth at the Siletz Area Office, 444-2536.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS

The Tribe now has their own I.D. machine which will be located in the Siletz Area Office in the Enrollment Dept., it will be taken to the Area offices periodically. Notice will be sent out when it will be there.

I.D. cards are required for Hunting and Fishing licenses.

Notice! Social Security

People who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments have a very important responsibility to report any change in their circumstances that could have an effect on their eligibility or amount of their payment, according to Charles S. Hall, district manager of the Salem Social Security office.

SSI is a federal program that provides a basic cash income to people 65 or over, or blind, or disabled who have little income and own little property. Although SSI is administered by the Social Security Administration, all funds come from Federal general revenues, not Social Security taxes.

A PERSON MUST REPORT:

Any change in a savings account, Christmas club, certificates of deposit, or any other account. A person whose name is on someone else's account must report this, too, even if he or she does not use the account.

If he or she takes a job or goes into business, or any change in earnings, including cash, checks, food, or anything received as pay.

If he or she receives any other income, such as annuities, pensions, workers' compensation, any benefit check, interest, prizes, gifts, awards, insurance money, support, alimony, strike pay or other union benefits, inheritances, rental income, and sick pay.

If anyone gives the person money, food, clothing, or free housing, or pays any bill or rent.

If the person enters or leaves an institution, such as a hospital, nursing home, county home, halfway house, jail, prison or any other kind of institution.

There are other changes that must be reported, but these are the most common, Hall said. More information about what should be reported by people getting SSI payments can be obtained by calling Social Security, toll free, at 1-800-452-1654.



TED WERTH Editor

You may have noticed that this month's issue of the news is being printed on a larger sheet of paper. This is probably the only noticeable change as a result of the new printing procedures being used starting this month.

The previous 14 issues of the SILETZ NEWS were printed at the Newport News-Times. However, the News-Times shut down their press in early September, and left us looking for somewhere to print our paper. At least for the near future the NEWS will be printed in Springfield at the Springfield News. Springfield is able to print on a larger sheet of paper than what was available in Newport.

All typesetting and photo work is still being done in Newport and starting last month all layout/pasteup work is being done by myself.

Our goal of keeping the mailing list current by use of a small computer is really seeming to help. There are currently 938 addresses on the mailing list. By using the computer it has allowed efficient use of the postal services bulk mailing. By using bulk mailing the Tribe is able to save over \$3,000 per year in postage alone.

The only problem that we have is obtaining new addresses for those of you that move. We request address corrections from the postal service and receive about 80-90 each month. However, these usually come back with the original paper 3-4 weeks after they have been sent. If you wish to receive your paper without missing any issues please fill out the address correction form on page two and send it in as soon as you know your new address.

As I mentioned earlier we have had good luck using the bulk mailing system. Mailing this way only takes about one extra day for delivery in most areas. However, I realize that it may take significantly longer in some areas, especially out of state. If your newsletter is taking more than a week to arrive (it's mailed on the last Friday of the month (Sept. 28)) write to me and let me know how long it is taking. In some cases we can send it first class if there is a continuing problem.

Last of all, I would encourage you to visit the Siletz basket display at the A.N. Bush Gallery located at 600 Mission SE, Salem, OR. Hours are 1-5 Tuesday through Sunday. The display will run through October 7th.

Ted Werth, Editor

Calling All Shastas!

The Shasta people were moved to Siletz in 1856 but a number of them escaped to return to northern California. Now there's about 800 of them there and they're trying to obtain federal recognition as a tribe. In order to get this recognition, one of the things that they're trying is to make connections with those Shastas of Siletz.

If you've hit some dead-ends in doing your family history, these folks may be able to help as they have done extensive genealogies on Shasta families there, extending back to pre-removal times. If you can identify the name of your Shasta family member who moved to Siletz, or even if you just have a Shasta last name, you may be able to open up a whole new part of your family history and discover some long-lost cousins.

If you are interested in following up on the Shasta connection, contact Ann Goddard, Title IV Coordinator at Siletz School, 101 James Frank Rd., Siletz OR 97380, 444-2523. The Shasta genealogists are willing to make a trip or two to Siletz to help make the connection, so let us know when we can get together.

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