



Council Chairman's Report

Delores Pigsley

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

At the General Council meeting of November 3rd, Tribal Member, Vernon Brown, presented a motion from the floor requesting that the Tribal Council distribute most of the tribe's assets in a per capita payment. Apparently, many people attended the General Council meeting specifically to vote in favor of Mr. Brown's proposal since most left the meeting shortly after the motion was heard. Because much of the substance of the meeting took place after the vote, I am disappointed that these individuals' only apparent interest was in a per capita distribution and not in what the Tribe's staff and Council are trying to do for all members of the Tribe.

Our Constitution requires that the Tribal Council consider the results of the motion as an advisory recommendation. We are compelled to give the vote the consideration it is due. This does not mean that the Council will vote to pay a per capita. I, for one, will not vote for such a distribution and will do everything in my power to see that one is not made. I have no doubt that it will bankrupt the Tribe, stop all progress for economic and political stability for our children and essentially, result in "self-termination." This tragic result would occur so that each Tribal member can receive the sum of \$300.00. While this might be a lot of money to some, it cannot make much of a permanent impact on the economic difficulties of even our poorest members.

Despite my personal feelings about this matter, I believe it is the Council's obligation to face the issue of per capita payments now that it has been raised. If the desires of a majority of Tribal members is for a distribution of our assets, I think we are compelled to do it.

In order that we all are able to make sound judgements regarding this issue, I have suggested to the Council that the agenda for the next General Council meeting be devoted solely to the pros and cons of per capita distributions and a presentation on the various economic development alternatives available to the Tribe. Since the General Council is on tribal election day, I hope that as many Tribal members as possible come to Siletz to cast their vote and to learn about the complex issues related to our tribe's economic future. This time, I hope that everyone stays to learn as well as to vote in their own best interest.

Sincerely,
Delores Pigsley
Tribal Chairman

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I read in the last edition of your newsletter that all letters received by you would be printed. I hope this one will not be an exception to that statement.

I am writing this letter with the thought that my mother will read it and with the hopes that she will respond to it. I was adopted out of Lincoln County in 1968, and was raised with the name of Theresa Lynn Engen. I am a member of the Siletz Tribe and from the information I have already gathered my natural mother still resides in the Siletz area. I have gone to many agencies and people for help in finding my family, but have been met with too many roadblocks. This letter seemed about my best chance to find out who I am.

I was born June 17, 1963 in Toledo, Oregon to an Indian family. I was adopted to a white family and abused so brutally that I was returned to foster care until my 18th birthday. So I am asking for somebody to please claim me, and to whoever does: I don't intend to ruin your life or even become a part of it; I just want to know who I am, who I came from, and why I was given away. Information can be sent to the address below, and if requested I will keep it absolutely confidential.

I do hope to hear from you.

Sincerely,
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To the Editor:

After reading the October issue of the Siletz News, I feel the necessity to comment on a letter, asking the question "Who is enhanced by the tribal chairman living in the Salem area?" Siletz tribal members were greatly enhanced by an individual living in the Portland Area a few years ago; had it not been for his ability to arrange meetings with politicians and his strong desire for restoration there may not have been a Siletz News or tribe today, enjoying Commodity foods, tribal employment, educational, medical and dental benefits, grants for home improvements, etc.

This particular tribal member who initiated the restoration to date has not received benefits or recognition from the tribe. This proves the tribe can benefit from motivated members. It is unfortunate employment forces members to various cities and states throughout the country. However, if members are elected and can fulfill the duties of an office they should be commended for their effort to serve. Tribal benefits should be equally extended to every member regardless of their location, not just those who reside within a specific geographical boundary. It is hard to understand why Multnomah county is not in the service area since Portland is the major city in Oregon, consequently employing numerous tribal members.

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NEW EMPLOYEE



**DARLENE
CARKHUFF**

Darlene Carkhuff has been hired as the new receptionist for the Central Office located on Government Hill. Darlene was previously a teller at the National Security Bank, Siletz Branch. She worked at the bank for the previous 2½ years.

Darlene has one daughter, Tracy who is in the 7th grade. She also takes care of her sister Marcy, who is also in the 7th grade. Darlene grew up in the Siletz area. She will be the person you will talk to when you call any of the Siletz offices once the new phone system is installed. Darlene says that she has enjoyed the opportunity to meet new people during the time that she has been here.

New Phones Installed

A new phone system is being installed at all Tribal offices located in Siletz. All calls will now be routed through the Central office on Government Hill.

Six lines will connect all offices. The phone numbers are the same, with a few deletions. Valid phone numbers will be 444-2532 through 444-2536. Also retained is the Tribal Council phone number 444-2528. You will be able to reach any of the

tribal programs located in Siletz by calling one of these numbers.

The initial installation was started on November 14 at the Central office. It may take a month or more to connect all the offices because phone lines from each office must be spliced into the new phone lines.

The tribe is leasing the phone system from AT&T with the option to purchase the system at the end of five years. The system has the capacity for 51 separate phones.

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