



Council Chairman's Report

Delores Pigsley

On Saturday, April 5, 1986, the first meeting of the Siletz Tribal Economic Development Commission (STEDCO) took place. For those of you who may not be aware, the Commission is made up of five tribal members and four individuals from the non-Indian business community who are going to be making the Tribes' economic development decisions. STEDCO's staff did an excellent job in securing the voluntary services of individuals who have the credentials to help STEDCO be successful. The Commission is an active, knowledgeable and creative group of people.

One issue that has been raised about STEDCO — and also about the Siletz Indian Housing Authority — is the autonomous nature of these entities. Some suggest that these entities are not part of the Tribe. This is not true. One of the lessons learned by the Tribal Council as it studied economic development was the necessity to separate business decisions from political decisions. The Tribal Council created STEDCO and, through a charter, intentionally delegated the powers and responsibilities for economic development to the Commission. The purpose of that effort was to prevent STEDCO from being subjected to political decision making. STEDCO is a tribal organization whose staff, under the charter, is charged with the responsibility for creating jobs and economic opportunity for Siletz Tribal members. The Tribal Chairman and one other member of the Tribal Council are on the Commission as representatives of the Council, but Council does not control operations.

The same can be said for the Siletz Indian Housing Authority, but, unlike STEDCO, federal law requires that an autonomous entity be created to run HUD housing programs in Indian country. Congress recognized the necessity to separate decisions related to the management of Indian Housing Authorities from the political considerations, like tribal councils. The staff is charged by tribal law with meeting responsibilities of the tribal membership. At the present time, I am the only council member on the Housing Authority.

To summarize, political and policy decisions regarding the future of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz remain with the Tribal Council. The Council has directed these two Commissions to implement policies and programs in economic development and housing, without regard to political considerations. Tribal members can be proud of the staff and the way in which these two commissions work for the benefit of all tribal members.

Delores Pigsley, Chairman

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Letters To The Editor

To the Editor,

I take this opportunity to say a few words of appreciation to the many folks who attended the March 22, 1986 buffet dinner party honoring Arthur Bensell, which was held at the Breezewood Restaurant in Salem.

Special thanks go to Bob Tom, Edmond Ben and Terry Russell of Salem. Pauline Ricks and Angeline Easter of Springfield, the Drummers from Salem and all those who spoke and presented gifts.

Governor Victor Atiyeh and his Aide were present. The Governor spoke of his relationship with Arthur Bensell in the past and present years.

The Grand Ronde's and their Corporation were present and represented by Tribal Chairman Mark Mercier, Katherine Harrison and Margret Provost. There were also many Grand Ronde tribal members in attendance. Mr. & Mrs. Alexander of Portland represented the Urban Indians.

Special thanks to retired employees from Portland, Helen Peterson and Zack Zakoji.

From the Siletz Agency were superintendent Nelson Witt and Mr. & Mrs. Gary Varner. Kathy Gorospe of the Indian Commission was also present.

Precious emotional moments were fondly remembered as tributes and gifts were presented. This display of friendship could never be bought. All this is received and accepted as a token of their love and affection for Arthur Bensell.

Charles Wilkinson, our first Tribal Attorney, said, "He is ranked in his greatness with Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce because he accomplished the impossible: getting RESTORATION for the Siletz Tribe."

Arthur Bensell, who is of the Mac-a-no-tin Band of the To-Too-To-ney Tribe was explained by Bob Tom as the "Tyee" of this Band. And the members of this Band, who were present were especially appreciated and thanked for making this party outstanding.

Finally, "thank you for making this event a memorable one for my brother to cherish and hold dear for years to come."

Sincerely,
Mary Alice Muncey

To the Editor:

Ah Ho Friends and Relatives,

I'm taking this time to thank all of the tribes people for the meetings. I would especially like to thank all the good folks at each area office for the time and effort to make it a good meeting place. And I thank the Indian people that made it possible for me to stand up for Indian rights. And I would also very much appreciate it if the folks that have faith in me and voted for me (because of circumstances beyond anything I ever expected I could not make the Siletz meetings) will write me and I'll send you literature on how I've been treated by the court system when the time for an Indian to stand up for Indian religion and Indian rights and that is what I have done. For it I have been disgraced in some of the non-Indian newspapers because of the Whale Cove archeology dig that I asked to leave *! because they were digging two digs and one was legal, the other was not and was after hours. It took a long time to find out that I touched a very old nerve that was felt all the way back to the O.S.U., county commissioners land, judges, future park land owners, resort owners.

I have found that for years there has been a lot of our Indian people's things that they were buried with still turning up in museums as far as Paris. So this is why the newspapers have tried to give me a hard time in their \$\$\$ county.

Mike Berry, President
Native American Church

MARKER NOTICE

The Tribal Green Thumb workers are currently making grave markers for those without or in need of replacement of existing markers. The markers will be placed only in the Paul Washington and Evans-Baker cemeteries. The marker will only contain the deceased's name and date of death. If you would like to have a marker made, contact Shirley Strickler at 444-2532, ext. 28.

BABY NEWS



Mr. & Mrs. David Carey are proud to announce the birth of their son, Dennis Adlem Carey born at 11:33 a.m. March 20th, 1986 at Bess Kaiser Medical Center, Portland, Ore. He weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19 in. Dennis has a proud sister Trish L. Carey, Beaverton, Ore. Proud grandparent, Alice L. Keene, great-grandmother, Violette Johnson, grand uncle Harry R. Johnson, all of Reedville, Ore. He also has proud grandparents Mr. & Mrs. John Turner of Bellingham, Wash. Proud aunt Cathy Riley, Coquitlam, B.C. Canada.

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Hudson would like to announce the arrival of Anthony Lee Hudson, born March 31, 1986 at 1:41 p.m. at the Salem General Hospital. Anthony weighed 7 lbs. 3 1/2 oz. and was 19 1/2" long. Anthony has two sisters Danielle & Deidre and two brothers, D.W. & Charles. The proud grandparents are Gladys Bolton of Seal Rock and Lucille Weissbeck of Salem, Eugene Hudson of Salem also. Anthony and his mother Mary are doing fine.

Donations Needed

The Pow-Wow Committee has called this year's pow-wow a "good will" pow-wow. Their efforts will be to improve relations amongst tribal people, vendors and guests to enlarge this year's pow-wow and bring back the good feelings of years past. They will be hosting a giveaway during the pow-wow as well as the raffle. If anyone would like to donate articles (cups, beads, ribbons, beaded articles, pillows, blankets, etc.) for the giveaway or raffle, please contact the Central Office at 444-2532 or 1-800-922-1399.

Memorial Day Services And Dinner

Services for the Memorial Day activities will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Paul Washington Cemetery. Following the services about 12:00 p.m. will be dinner at the Tribal Community Center. Dinner will be provided and feel free to bring your favorite dessert. See you all there. The Memorial Day Dinner will be put on by the Sacred Lands Committee.

Chemawa Alumni

All former students and alumni of Chemawa are invited to the annual reunion on Friday and Saturday, May 30th and 31st. Let's make this a big one!!!!

Pat Kelly, Class of '31
Chairman, Reunion Committee

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