

Letters to Editor

Dear editor,

I just wrote to say a few things. First I would like to thank the Pow Wow Committee for working so hard on the Pow Wow and all who attended. I would also like to thank the people like Nellie Orton, Paul Whitehead, and Patricia Darcy for giving me the cultural background I needed to run for Miss Siletz. Also thanks to Jeannie and Bonnie for a wonderful job on beading the crowns. A special thanks to my family (62 of them) for coming and all those people who helped with special activities because it took everyone, to make this Pow Wow the success that it was. I was sure that things would slow down, but I'm waiting. So far I've attended the 75th Annual Memorial Chief Seattle Days in Snohomish, WA August 15-17th, the Toledo Summer Festival Parade and the Grand Ronde Pow Wow on August 23, the 7th annual Puyallup Pow-Wow, and finally the Black Hawk Pow Wow September 5-7. To close I would again like to thank all those who made this Pow Wow a success. Hope to write again soon.

Thank you,
Lisa Norton
Miss Siletz 1986-1987

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A NEW PATH TO FOLLOW by Theresa Monteverdi

One day in September of 1984 I was informed that the Siletz Area Office would give me a grant to go to college. This was the beginning of a great adventure for me. My goal at that time was a career in Psychology. My goal today is a career in medicine. I hope to someday receive an M.D., specializing in Pediatrics.

My career goal is not the only thing that has changed for me in the last two years. My experience with higher education has helped me find new confidence, new friends, and exposure to a whole new world. I have learned that the only limits in my life are the limits I put on myself.

College is a great experience, but it is a lot of hard work. The competitive atmosphere of college makes me always strive harder, longer; always hoping to do better. Sometimes this is tiring.

When the advantages and the disadvantages of college are weighed against each other, the advantages always win out for me. Education is the key that will unlock the door to a whole different life for me. I would like to thank the Siletz Tribe and the tribal staff for giving me this opportunity. Whenever I feel discouraged, I think of the confidence the Tribe has put in me and that helps me have confidence in myself.

I hope other Tribal members will take the opportunities that are available to them. The step to higher education is frightening and requires total commitment, but the rewards are more than adequate. Knowledge is power — the more knowledge we seek the more power the Siletz people will have.

TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR OCTOBER, 1986

Effective October 1, 1986

Tribal Offices will be open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

BINGO	Friday Nights — Tribal Community Center Early Bird Game 7:00 p.m.
10/13	Parenting Classes — Tribal Community Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. Contact Frank Petersen at Ext. #40.
10/13	Timber Committee Meeting (Tentative) Tribal Council Chambers beginning at 6:00 p.m.
10/13, 14	USDA Food Distribution — In Siletz from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
10/13	Regular Siletz City Council Meeting Siletz City Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m.
10/14	Special Tribal Council Meeting Tribal Council Chambers beginning at 6:30 p.m.
10/15	HIP Committee Meeting (Tentative) Unit D, Jeff Williams' Office, beginning at 4:30 p.m.
10/14	Beading Class — Siletz Area Office Beginning at 7:00 p.m. Contact Shirley at Ext. #25.
10/18	Regular Tribal Council Meeting Tribal Council Chambers beginning at 10:00 a.m.
10/20	Parenting Classes — Tribal Community Center Beginning at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact Frank Petersen at Ext. #40.
10/20	Siletz Middle School Booster Meeting — Siletz School Media Center, beginning at 7:30 p.m.
10/21	Siletz Indian Housing Authority (SIHA) Meeting Tribal Council Chambers beginning at 6:30 p.m.
10/21	USDA Food Distribution — In Siletz for new clients and rescheduled appointments. From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
10/21	Beading Class Siletz Area Office Beginning at 7:00 p.m. Contact Shirley at Ext. #25.
10/21, 22, 23, 24	USDA Food Distribution — In Salem, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
10/24	Deadline — Resident Trainer Counselor position for Siletz Indian Housing Authority. For more information contact Jeff Williams at Ext. #48.
10/28	USDA Food Distribution — In Salem, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
10/29	Siletz Staff Halloween Party Tribal Community Center from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
10/28	Beading Class — Siletz Area Office Beginning at 7:00 p.m. Contact Shirley at Ext. #25.
10/31	HALLOWEEN

Tribal Member Excels

Robert Gardner, an enrolled Siletz Tribal member, has completed his second Indian Student Project at Western State Chiropractic College. He received his certificate of completion on August 14, 1986. Robert is in his second year at the University of Washington, he finished last year with a three "A". He is working in the medical field. While at Western States Chiropractic College, Robert made friends with students from several different tribes.

Gail Kyser, an enrolled Siletz Tribal member has passed her state board exam in August 1986. She is now licensed to be a beautician.

Tribal Court Hearing

Tribal Court hearing "finds favor for Tribal Council and Management Manual procedures."

Unanimous decision given by Chief Judge John Roe and associates Mary Viles and Diane Robertson in case of In House Preference/Was It Used!

Comments by Sharon Butler:

I believe the decision was wrong! All I wanted was to work full time for the Siletz Tribe so I could contribute to my own living. I was working part time for the Siletz Tribe for one year, I am a Tribal member and I had what is called IN HOUSE PREFERENCE and one year seniority as an employee. This to me meant that if I qualified for a full time position and was already within the Tribal organization, I should have had a chance for employment advancement before the job was advertised OUTSIDE the Tribal organization. After all Tribal members should be encouraged to work and achieve their highest potentials in their job skills and education.

The job that was full time was filled by someone who at that time had no employee status. "WHERE DID THAT LEAVE ME? I am still a part time employee! Was In-House preference used?

I would like to say I am glad that even if I didn't get the job it was filled by a Tribal member who is a delightful asset to the program. "Sometimes the system is not fair". Since the hearing the Management manual has been changed, so I feel that I have WON for someone else. Even if the judgement was not in my favor, I am still a part-time employee waiting for full time work!!!

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A CHRISTMAS BAZAAR is being planned for December 6th at the Siletz Tribal Community Center. This "Bazaar" is open for all crafts, and baked foods. The cost will be \$2.00 a table, the hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Anyone that is interested in reserving a table contact Kristi Martin or Shirley Strickler at 444-2532.

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