

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AND TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

To the editor:

A little more on what is happening with the tribe. There have been changes in how the General Council meetings are conducted. The Constitution states that the General Council meetings will be chaired by the tribal chairman. There is nothing in the Constitution, ordinances, policies or resolutions that states the meetings will be monitored by videotape or the membership use a sign-up sheet to speak.

The Council created a sign-up sheet if tribal members want to speak at the General Council meetings. A member has to sign the sheet to speak or else you have to just sit and listen.

The Council has two secretaries at the General Council meetings and the minutes are still poorly written. I have asked that the minutes be written verbatim. The Council came up with a scheme that if you want verbatim minutes, then buy the videotapes. But, you have to sign some kind of legislation on what you can do or can't do with the tapes.

The General Council meetings are the membership meetings. I believe the people should have been asked if they want to be videotaped. Videotaping is intimidating to some of our tribal members who would like to speak but do not want to be videotaped.

But I guess after violating the Constitution, Civil Rights Act, and changing some policies to cover the wrong they did to some tribal members, then sign-up sheets and videotaping are small matters.

Reggie Butler, Sr.

To the editor:

I'm writing in regards to a copy of my family tree. My grandmother is Norma Strong and my father is Fredrick Scott Jr. I have not had any communication with him since my brother died in June 1996.

I would like him to get in touch. So much has happened since. I live in Ukiah and had another girl and another boy. This means he's a grandpa of five through me.

Sign it his "baby girl."

Vlayne D. Scott

To the editor:

I would like to thank everyone who made our 1999 pow-wow such a memorable and successful event. You were all just great.

A special thank you to the following:

Duane - in Anaheim; see you at the Restoration Pow-Wow

Craig Whitehead - who did a terrific job

The announcers - you were great

Royalty - beautiful

Kelley Ellis and the Pow-Wow Committee

Dan and LaRita Lundy - for their inspiring church service

Butch Ben - for his kind help

Ed Ben and family

Bill Towner family

Eddie Collins family

The Easter and Bell families

The Eddings family

The Tribal Council - for their participation and nice luncheon, and everyone else who attended and contributed

Last but not least, the veterans

It makes me very proud to be your head woman dancer.

Gladys M. Bolton

To the editor:

After reading last month's paper and seeing the letter from Mr. Ben, I felt that my husband and I should also thank Everett Butler. He has brought different things up to Chuck ever since Chuck became ill. Jerky, jam, whatever that was much appreciated.

He's brought wood and kindling here and when he saw I didn't have anyone to chop it for us, he took the time to come back and cut some so we could use it. When he saw I couldn't get the grass cut, he was here with his lawnmower to cut it. Some of these things happened while he was supposed to be on vacation.

He's one of a kind and the tribe should be lucky he is a member. I know we will be forever grateful for all he's done for us.

Chuck and Gloria Lane

USDA Distribution Schedule

The USDA program has the following October 1999 dates set for the monthly distribution:

Salem

Monday, 10/11	3 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 10/12	8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Wednesday, 10/13	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday, 10/14	8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

(clean up and inventory only)

Siletz

Monday, 10/18	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Tuesday, 10/19	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wednesday, 10/20	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Please note that it is very important that all clients keep their scheduled appointments. This is to ensure that clients with scheduled appointments do not have to sit and wait for the next available appointment. USDA can be reached at the following telephone numbers:

Salem (during office hours only) - 503-391-5760

Siletz - 1-800-922-1399, ext. 393, or 541-444-8393

Siletz - 541-444-8279 or 541-444-9682

NWREL, Siletz School, Siletz Tribe and Community in Partnership

The Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory (NWREL) selected Siletz School as one of two schools in a five-state region for a kindergarten through eighth-grade reading program.

The reading program at Siletz will be a model for other schools throughout the five Northwest states. NWREL, located in Portland, Ore., will work closely with the Lincoln County School District, Siletz School staff and Siletz Tribe during the project.