

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

As I am sure you know by now, I have resigned from the Siletz Tribal Council effective Feb. 10. I have been offered and have accepted the position of deputy regional director, Northwest regional office. I should be moving to my position on or about Feb. 25.

I want to thank Chairman Pigsley for giving me my first appointment and I also thank all of the people who showed their support by voting for me when I ran for the seat. I also want to thank the rest of the council for working with my schedule so that I could attend as many of the council meetings and workshops as possible while still tending to my bureau job.

I also thank the council for establishing the endowment funds for health, education, and investments. I campaigned for those types of investments from the beginning of gaming. As we can now see, we cannot rely on timber money to maintain our government and we should not rely on the gaming to last forever. I hope the council will continue to provide monies to keep the funds growing.

Congratulations to the new and almost new faces who ran for council this year. It was good to see so much involvement in the election process. The results showed how a single vote can count. It was great to see almost half of the voters participate in the election. In many elections, only a small percentage of the people give direction to the majority.

I have enjoyed my time on council and look forward to a time when I can run for office and hopefully serve the tribe again.

Gerald Ben



To the editor:

I was happy to see that Beverly Stein is making jobs for Oregonians a top priority. I'm glad she understands that getting our economy back on track will solve many of the state's problems.

While everyone else talks about the economy, Beverly will attack the problem from every angle. She will work for real solutions. She will work with businesses of every size and stature to provide more opportunities for Oregonians across the state. And Beverly certainly has the experience and record of success to back her up!

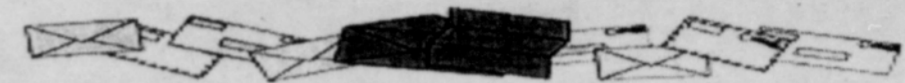
Please join me in supporting the candidate who will work with and support every Oregonian to rebuild a strong, resilient state economy. Beverly Stein is the best choice for governor.

Jon Guidoux

To the editor:

I appreciate each and every one of you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to vote. I thank those of you who voted for me as every vote counted!

Every year, three people are elected to council. For 25 years, our people have followed this process. Because you care and take the time to vote, our tribal government continues to be strong.



To the editor:

I just talked with my uncle, Eddie Collins, and couldn't believe what he was telling me. He's moving away from Siletz.

Why, you might ask?

He moved to Siletz to be close to his people - to be close to our grandmother, Ada Collins.

Has anyone noticed how Eddie has worked hard to clean up his family's plot at the cemetery? Does anyone even know that he was preparing that ground for the time he would be lying next to his (our) beloved grandmother and brothers, Homer Unger and Bill Towner?

Edward G. Collins retired from the U.S. Army, having served with high distinction, earning the Silver Star medal, Bronze Star medal, Purple Heart medal, and too many other service medals to bring to mind. He earned nine battle stars on these service medals - almost unsurpassable.

Keeping in mind he is one of the last speakers of Tututun - something

For those of you who did not cast your vote for me, I will continue to represent you also. Tribal Council's duty is to all tribal members, not just those who voted for them.

We all want the best for our nation and I will continue to work hard for all of you.

Rosemary Breon Landis

that he never talks about, but everyone should take notice of.

All this about a little old man who "carries a big stick" and talks not of his heroism (he says, "My medals talk for themselves"), but of his living conditions.

The heater in his apartment is about as big as this page, and has almost caught on fire several times. The leaders of this tribe would rather butter up a white man for the chief of police position, buy him his home and garage - rather than take care of an Indian. An Indian man of distinction, a man who can trace his heritage back to Chief Noch-Nos-Cia of the Yuki-Chee band of Tututun, in the lower Rogue country.

He doesn't need help last year and the year before. He needs help **now!** A bigger heater(s) or wood stove or pellet stove.

But that's the way you people on the council are. Hurrah for the white man, and boo for the Dené.

Ensalsun

Gilbert Towner

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