

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

From the family of Janice Lane – We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all who helped us through this difficult time. Thanks go out to all who cooked, cleaned, and bought groceries for us. It was very much appreciated and never went unnoticed. Your support and kindness will never be forgotten.

Jennifer, Jason, Willie, and family



To the editor:

As I follow the governor's race, Beverly Stein continues to step out in front of all the candidates on the issues important to me as an Oregonian. She understands the potential that an efficient state government can achieve by supporting all of Oregon's industries – as well as encouraging the development of new ones.

This was demonstrated on Feb. 1, when Stein brought together 13 business leaders from diverse areas of the economy and the state for her "Get Oregon Working Again Roundtable." While other candidates get their ideas from books and polls, Beverly Stein goes right to the people operating businesses every day.

Stein will utilize all of her abilities and resources to improve educational programs, expand infrastructure statewide, and promote the quality of life enjoyed throughout our state. Join me in voting for Beverly Stein, clearly Oregon's best choice for governor!

Katie Gottlieb

To the editor:

Thank you to everyone who helped our family after we lost our home and all possessions to a fire on Feb. 12, 2002. Special thanks to the Whitebears and Butlers for their generosity; and to Mona Fisher, Katy Kaady, Nick Sixkiller, and Sonya Moody-Jurado. We are deeply grateful for the assistance, donations, and gifts.

Taylor, Camden, Tiernan, and Rowan Pettit



To the editor:

Reggie Sr. and I would like to express our greatest thank you to those who extended such great kindness to our son and his wife, Reggie and Shelly Butler, over the loss of their loved son, Jonathan, the oldest of their triplets.

Words cannot express the thoughtfulness that went toward Reggie and Shelly after bringing their triplets home: the many people who helped, such as supplying meals the first month that the babies were home and those who came into the home and helped with the care of the babies; the gifts that were given; and the tribal elders who showered our babies with gifts.

As a family, we had another loss, Reg Sr.'s eldest brother, Nat. Thank you for the many words and show of love we received as a family.

Lillie Butler

To the editor:

This is an open letter of thanks to the tribe, which has extended to me "out of area" benefits that will cover some dental work that I need to have done. Although it took a little while to happen, the wait was worth it.

I would also like to say that although I try to keep up with the affairs of the tribe, it is often difficult as I live out of the area. However, it seems to me that somebody is doing something right and that is what this letter is about. I realize that there are many dissatisfactions within the tribe, but this letter is from someone who is happy about something! So please, keep up the good work!

One more thing – I live in the Los Angeles area and would like to correspond with any tribal members who would be interested. My e-mail is nikldan@hotmail.com or you can write to me at 2448 Beachwood Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90068.

Sincerely,
Nick Daniels



To the editor:

I would like to thank all the tribal members who supported me at the last Tribal Council election. As you most likely already know, according to the posted results, I needed one vote to tie and two to win.

I have had numerous calls from people who said they were sorry that they did not vote for me. They got busy with other things and let it slip their minds. I encourage everyone to take a few minutes to vote and send in your ballots. Call the Election Board and get a signature card if you are not eligible.

A court hearing took place on March 13 because of the discrepancies of the count in the ballots and a few other things that are questionable with this election.

I have requested that a copy of the letter that was posted on the window of the administration building in Siletz

about a week after the election be printed in the newsletter (see page 9). I would like all tribal members to read it.

This letter states that there was a mix-up in the number of mailed-in ballots. The number was changed sometime after the counting of the ballots started. This information was not told to the tribal members until after the election was certified. Why?

We have requested numerous times that the elections be given to professionals. This would assure all tribal members that a fair and impartial election is being held.

I encourage all tribal members to pay attention to what is going on in our tribe. It affects all tribal members. The only way to make changes is to vote. Remember, your **one** vote counts.

Thank you,
Lorraine Y. Butler

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