

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

I salute the tribal members who made it a point to come to the Special General Council meeting on April 6. It was one of the most positive meetings that I have attended. I know that what was presented and what was stated by members was done with honesty and respect. The outcome of those things presented is in doubt and yet I know that the Tribal Council has been working for a long time to bring these goals to fruition.

With all the negative that has been put forth in Siletz News and at other recent General Council meetings, it was refreshing to see us honor each other with timely, respectful remarks. That meeting was how all such meetings in the future should be conducted.

We all have heartfelt disagreements, suggestions, and complaints, and they are best resolved when they are shared in an atmosphere of peaceful respect. I hope that in the future, the General Council meetings can be as well attended.

I know that it is the desire of the Tribal Council, from the chairperson on down, to have as many tribal members involved in each meeting as possible. It is only then that true progress can be made, with the least amount of disappointment. When all you hear is rumor and innuendo, the truth is sometimes obscured. By attending the meetings, you get the full picture of what is taking place.

I am very proud to have the committed Tribal Council that we have.

I look forward to the challenges that will come before our tribe. I know that I can trust the entire council to work on our behalf. It was apparent to all who attended that we have a forward-thinking, progressive council that is truly seeking to do the best by **all** of our members.

Thank you, Tribal Council, and members for the unforgettable General Council meeting.

Peace is in the sharing of soul, let's continue sharing.

John L. Roe Jr.

To the editor:

Greetings, I hope and pray that this letter finds these people in good spirits and good health. My name is Perry "Red Stone" Boyer. I am currently the elected Chief of the group and circle of incarcerated brothers here in prison.

I am writing to you today in request for any help that you can give to us, traditional or spiritually. I pray that sometime in your travels that you might be able to visit us here at the institution. There are so many brothers here who don't know the ways and the teachers here are quite limited.

I will enclose a list of events (see page 12) that will explain to you what we practice and just what we try to maintain. I am hoping that we could be blessed by the Creator, the presence of drum groups and or dancers, who would come and share their medicine with the circle here.

Just being Native is a struggle and now with this added environment, things somewhat more difficult. As you are aware, we must maintain to be virtuous in our lives and of the most important virtue is generosity.

I hope that you hear this cry for help with our ways and our walks. There are so many Nations here that all ways of truth of spiritual and traditional ways are very much welcomed.

So at this time I will ask that the Creator give you peace and strength in all your walks.

Sincerely,

Perry "Red Stone" Boyer, Chief  
Inipi-Oyate-Ki  
Native American Indian Club  
Oregon State Correctional Institute



To the editor:

**First**, I would like to thank the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. They donated \$2,000 to the Siletz Jr. League this year. The money was used to buy badly needed new uniforms. We were able to buy matching tops and bottoms for our three boy teams and our three girl teams.

**Second**, I would like to thank our sponsors: **CTSI, Siletz Road House, Wilkison Video, Breon's Logging, Noel's Market, and Pepsi-Cola.**

**Third**, I would like to thank my coaches, referees, and gym helpers: Noel's Market coaches **Kenny Paul** and **Josh Szaroletta**; Road House coaches **Wazzy Case** and **Leon Metcalf**; Pepsi coach **Lane Lewis**; Breon's Logging coaches **Val and Larry Hibdon**; Wilkison Video coach **John Lancaster**; and a special thanks to long-time coach of CTSI, **Dave Mooney** (you will be missed, Dave, but enjoy the steelhead fishing).

Referees **Lynette Hibdon, Jimmy Williams, Kenny Paul, John Lancaster, Dave Mooney, Misty Kosydar, Larry Hibdon, Rachel Warfield, and Jaylin Wilson.** And gym helpers **Kendra Lancaster, Amanda Vanhoorbeke, Sarah Ruddiman, Amy Lancaster, and Kayla Chappel.** Thanks for making the season work so smoothly.

Thank you; I appreciate your support.

Willie Worman, Siletz Jr. League Basketball President



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