

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Education Department for the school supplies and for the purchase of new school shoes. Thank you again to Bev Youngman, Mona Fisher, and Delina John for all their hard work.

Also, I'd like to thank the Charitable Donations Committee for the \$465 contribution they made to last year's first-grade class taught by Ms. Henderson. The money allowed the first-graders to go to the aquarium and have swimming lessons. Thank you to all involved with the donations committee.

Tracey Worman



To the editor:

This is the latest on chronic wasting disease. You will each have to make up your minds about eating a deer or elk you may hunt.

In the Midwest, the game departments are killing suspected CWD deer. Articles I have read such as this one say it is safe to eat the meat, but do not eat the brain, lymph nodes, or any bones and wear rubber gloves when butchering a killed animal.

I feel the game department needs better science about the disease because the sick animals will die anyway and the hunters should not harvest an ill animal.

What we really need for blacktail habitat is more logging.

Bensell Breon

Editor's note: Please see the article Bensell refers to on page 8.

To the editor:

I'm a member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon. I attended my first Siletz Pow-Wow in 1977 and have only missed five or so since then. I have always respected the pow-wow grounds.

Because of my disabilities, I have a service dog. Her name is Tassie. This year, she attended the 2003 Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow with me. Out of respect for our grounds, I carried her in a backpack, which was hard for me because of back pain. When I sat and watched the dancers, I let her lay on the ground in front of my chair.

We were in a low-traffic area. Only one dancer that sat near us had to step around my dog. But I was treated rudely for having a dog, even by the elderly.

My dog is no different than a walker or a wheelchair, which one might have to go around. A service dog is medical equipment, not a pet. My husband and



To the editor:

I'm writing to thank Tribal Council and the CTSI Education Department for their continued support of the Siletz Tribal Summer Youth Employment Program.

My son, Evan, participated in this program this year, developed a positive working relationship with the adult staff members at his worksite, and learned new work skills that will serve him well in the future.

I would also like to thank Nick Sixkiller, education specialist at the Eugene Area Office, for his efforts to



Teresa Cavender and Tassie

I have spent a lot of hours in training Tassie so that I'm able to get out and enjoy life. Plan to see Tassie at more pow-wows with us.

Teresa Cavender

continue to provide positive work experiences for our youth.

Sincerely,
Laurie Brown-Godfrey



To the editor:

Fellow veterans – I came across this in our benefits handbook. Hope someone out there can use this information.

Good luck,
Larry L. Lee

Editor's note: Please see the article Larry refers to on page 22.

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To the editor:

Each of us sits a very important position within our community. A high, low profile. We cannot afford to take one another for granted.

If we do not respect each other, how can we expect others to respect our values and us?

It's not about finger-pointing, name-calling. The above only sink us deeper into or away from addressing tribal business issues.

If we are to continue to move on and meet the demands of the world of business, we must remain centered, united. It is the only time-wise, cost-effective formula toward success.

Heads of departments must have a professional mindset of productive progress within the perimeters of a well-defined program. Must be qualified to carry out job description, communication, and maintain integrity of the leadership position.

A thought: Has one ever considered how much work it is not to do our work?

When we get to feeling we're the golden lug nut that holds the wheel in place, remember that it takes a number of lug nuts to stabilize the wheel. If the wheel were not in place, there would be no reason for lug nuts.

Simply put, we need each other.
Respectfully submitted,
Eva E. Clayton

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