

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

On Nov. 15, 2003, at our 26<sup>th</sup> Restoration Pow-Wow, I retired from my position as whipwoman.

I asked Shirley Ben Walker to be my replacement and she gladly accepted. She will do very well, as she comes from a traditional Siletz Indian family and grew up in Siletz carrying on our customs and traditions just as I did.

It was indeed a pleasure and an honor for me to serve in that capacity. I met so many wonderful people over the years and I enjoyed working with the children and watching them grow.

I have numerous people to thank, so I will just say thanks to all of you and may God bless.

Sincerely,  
Gladys M. Bolton



To the editor:

We would like to thank all of our volunteers who have helped us make this a dream come true.

For the month of September, we had 74 volunteers and 150 hours.

For the month of October, we had 68 volunteers and 182 hours.

For the month of November, we had 73 volunteers and 125 hours.

We are very appreciative. We hope you had a Merry Christmas and wish you and your loved ones a prosperous New Year!

Siletz Valley School

To the editor:

My name is Alfred (Bud) Lane III and I am a candidate for Tribal Council in the upcoming election in February.

I was elected to the Tribal Council 20 years ago and served on the council for seven years. During my tenure, I served as vice chairman and on various standing and ad-hoc committees.

My family and I have worked for many years strengthening Siletz cultural activities, such as the Feather Dance, the construction of the Siletz Dance House, basketry and regalia making, and the Athabaskan language. I'm a firm believer in keeping our traditions strong and I am not afraid to confront forces that may diminish those traditions, no matter where they may come from.

I don't believe in asking people to do things that I'm unwilling to do myself. I've worked hard my entire adult life and I'm always willing to help with whatever task is at hand.

I have a solid background and experience in tribal government to deal with the many issues confronting our people today, such as housing, health benefits, our treaty rights, helping our elders, economic development, and cultural traditions, to name a few.

We have accomplished a lot as a people and if I am elected, I'll work to make those good things we have better.

Alfred (Bud) Lane III

To the editor:

Mickey and I would like to thank everyone from CHS, my boss Shelley Christensen and her family, Mickey's boss, Buster Lane and his family, Larry and Val Hibdon, and everyone else who kept big Mickey and little Mickey in their thoughts and prayers.

We have had a very trying time and we really appreciate everyone's concerns. We are very grateful to Lisa Taylor and nurse Debbie Shomaker for going above and beyond the call of duty and staying late and calling the hospital every day to check on little Mickey. You are my heroes!

Thanks go out to Kristi for making sure that they could always fit little Mickey in. A big huge thank you to Papa Bill and Grandma Naomi Shadwick for staying with the rest of the grandkids. A big thank you to Chuvonne Metcalf and the ESP staff for covering my job during our family emergencies.

We would like to wish each and every one of you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,  
Mickey and Denise Jordan and Gang

To the editor:

Running for Tribal Council, I put myself out there early for all to see. Months early.

Who am I? A wife, a mother, a grandmother, a professional person who is so ready for some creative changes.

What it boils down to is, (self).

When everyone goes away. The hours are long. The work is piled high. Does one who has been given the responsibility of representing the people in an honorable, humble manner have the tools and commitment?

As I look into the many faces of those whom I will be serving, can I with honesty, integrity, trust, professionalism? Yes, I can.

Respectfully,  
Eva E. Clayton



**The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon wishes you a safe and happy new year. May it bring you joy and success.**

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