

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

I enjoy receiving *Siletz News*. Your wide coverage of tribal activities and issues makes it possible to stay informed.

Due to a very painful foot injury, I had to postpone my visits to Siletz and other places, but I plan to visit your community and schools this fall.

Education funding is a serious challenge facing the Oregon Legislature. Our children deserve a place of top priority on that agenda.

There needs to be an opportunity for vocational and technical training in agriculture, shop, welding, trades, and computers. We must have accessible and affordable ways for students who want to go to college, also.

I look forward to learning about Siletz schools and your students.

Sincerely,

Rep. Joanne Verger

Candidate for State Senate



To the editor:

Insurance companies want us to think that doctors are leaving Oregon to avoid paying high medical malpractice premiums, but I just read a study by Public Citizen showing that the number of doctors in Oregon is actually increasing.

Measure 35 won't help doctors, but it will limit our rights by changing the constitution. Votes should not be swayed by the insurance industry's slick campaign. Please join me in voting **no** on 35.

Joyce M. Forty

To the editor:

Hi, my name is Jennifer Chernoff. I have started a community on the Weblog site – livejournal.com. It's going to be a great way for all people, Native American and otherwise, to communicate and learn.

I spoke to a Portland State University student the other day who was a Native filmographer and he expressed his wishes to be able to have an easy way to network with the Native American community.

Please forward this to anyone who you might think would be interested. My hope is that this community can obtain at least 100 people to join it.

Livejournal is mostly used for personal journals, but also many communities can be created in order to join people with similar interests to share their stories, information, art, events, etc. I would also like your input on the community. The more ideas, the better it will be.

Livejournal is free to join and free to use and join other communities. Here is the address to "nativeamericans" – <http://www.livejournal.com/community/nativeamericans/>. You also can go to livejournal.com and put "nativeamericans" in the search bar and keep "username" in the search option.

I hope to see you post there. Thank you for your time.

Jennifer Chernoff

To the editor:

I would like to thank all the people who prayed for me and sent me cards when I had coronary artery disease, infection of the sternum, ventilator-acquired pneumonia, damaged rotator cuff in my right shoulder, and a fractured right arm.

The doctors and nurses told me that I was a "miracle," but I know that it was the prayers that brought me out of these illnesses and injuries. It was a very difficult time.

I would like to thank my **mom** for being with me and visiting me when she could and also thank my Aunt Joan and her church for their prayers.

I also would like to thank Shannon of Fitness Prescription, who did a dedication at a diabetic conference for me. Without your prayer, I would not be here today.

I thank you, this from an old man whose batteries are getting low in his Timex. I will see some of you in **heaven**.

With respect,

William Stanley Strong

To the editor:

A very heartfelt thank you goes out to all the people who helped my family and I out during our time of need.

A special thank you goes out to Judy Imbler and family for the wonderful dinners that she made for my family. And to the ones who were able to sneak into the ICU ... Darlene Carkhuff, Stephanie Morrow, Debbie Williams, Sheila Jordan, and Sheryl Simmons for sitting with me in whatever state I was in.

And a thank you Charmaine for coming over **every day** and putting up with me whatever mood I was in. And thank you to my mom for all the emotional support when I needed it.

And most of all, thank you for **all** the prayers. It is nice to know that you can depend on friends and family when you need them the most.

Thanks again,

Christine Goodell

Reminders!

**Be sure to turn in your elk hunt drawing applications by Oct. 15!
See pages 10-11.**

**27th Anniversary Restoration Celebration
Nov. 20, 2004**

**Chinook Winds Casino Resort
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