

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

On behalf of the staff and patients of the Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital, I want to thank the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Council members and members of the Charitable Contributions Committee for their generosity.

Over the last three years, we have been granted more than \$25,000 for many different programs that help our community. Through two of these grants, we were able to provide children's health clinics that provided free health screenings and immunizations to children in North Lincoln County. Parents were also provided information to enable them to get additional health services for their children.

Another grant made it possible for us to provide diabetes management classes and test strips to newly diagnosed diabetics to help them learn to control their disease by controlling their

blood sugar. Other grants have helped us provide prescription medications, lab tests, and other services to emergency room and hospital patients who could not afford to pay for urgently needed services.

In November, we received funding to help purchase a new treadmill for our physical rehabilitation department, additional funding for our prescription medication assistance and charity care program, and funds to provide free mammograms for uninsured, low-income women during 2005.

We cannot thank you enough for all the great work you make possible. Your contributions help us literally save people's lives and improve their quality of life. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Sincerely,  
The Staff and Board Members of the  
North Lincoln Hospital Foundation

To the editor:

In response to the article written Dec. 8, 2004, by Ezra Casteel (*The News Guard*, Lincoln City) regarding the plans for building the sweat lodge in the Cascade Head Scenic Area titled *Sweat Lodge Plans Start Moving Forward*.

First, I would like to thank the Great Spirit for allowing me to share these few words. History tells us the indigenous people of this land have participated in the Purification Lodge Ceremony, in what is known today as the Sweat Lodge Ceremony.

Historically, Native Peoples have gathered here for ceremony since time immemorial to include Neachesna, Tillamook, Salase, Tututuni, Chetco, and Calapuya to name a few. As direct descendents, we feel it is our responsibility to pass on and continue the teachings of our ancestors to our families.

Some questions have arisen that need to be addressed. The lodge is a place of prayer. The sweat lodge area is about the size of a family campsite. Our sweats are conducted for healing. The sweat is not meant to harm or offend anyone in any way.

Also, we have no problem in sharing with those in need spiritually and/or those who would like to give thanks. We pray that all can benefit by what we call a way of life.

Finally, I would like to thank the U.S. Forest Service, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, CTSI Tribal Council, CTSI Culture Committee, neighboring Oregon Tribes, the community, and last but not least, our Siletz Tribal Elders. Without them, this could not have been accomplished.

All my relations,  
Arthur L. Butler



To the editor:

Have you ever made a mistake and never knew that you made that mistake until it was too late? Well, I saw my mistake before it was too late and now it is time to fix my mistake.

There is a young woman who has stood beside me when no one else would, someone who showed me true love, has given me a son, given me her trust, and

has given me her heart. I almost lost her once to my stupidity and I plan on never letting that happen again.

Mary Robinson, will you accept my undying love for you and become my wife?

I will always love you, forever!  
Love, Shaun Meyer

## Special General Council/Historical Research Meeting

Feb. 26, 2005

10 a.m.  
(lunch at 1 p.m.)

Chinook Winds Casino Resort - hotel ballroom

This meeting is for enrolled Siletz Tribal members and invited guests only.

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