

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

Paul Washington, VFW Post 732 Siletz, was honored to serve breakfast for members of the Oregon Coast Veterans Association. Run for the Wind was the event.

Under the guidance of Ray Taylor and other members of this community, we were able to serve over 150 people.

The Paul Washington VFW Post 732 building held the very first Restoration meeting for the Siletz Tribe. Thanks to the OCVA and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, we have been slowly restoring the building as to be a service to the Siletz community because of their donations.

Thank you.
Tony Molina



To the editor:

This is in response to the letter that was submitted by Cindy Jackson in the September issue of *Siletz News*, in regards to her opinion of the "fine job" Indian Child Welfare is doing for our children.

I trust that Ms. Jackson sincerely believes in what she had to say, and I respect this. However, I also know that people can hold strong opinions on subjects in which they have little or no knowledge. There is no teacher like firsthand experience.

What I have learned about ICW, from firsthand experience, is that it is run like any other bureaucracy. And, like any other bureaucracy, it has failed in its primary responsibilities.

Under ICW, children have been taken from their families and put in

To the editor:

Hello, my name is Jennifer Easter and I'm the current Jr. Miss Siletz for 2006-2007.

I would like to take this time to say thank you to all the tribal members and my family and friends who bought raffle tickets from me.

I also would like to thank two special people in my life and they are my great-auntie Babe and great-uncle Delbert. They could not make it to the pow-wow this year because they both were sick, but I know that they were with me in spirit.

Thank you.
Jennifer Easter
Jr. Miss Siletz



homes that are infinitely more dangerous and damaging than their previous ones. Children living in these so-called "superior" homes have been physically, emotionally, and sexually abused by the very people that were deemed "better" than the families these children were taken from.

Each of these cases is different, yet they all have a prevailing truth – ICW has failed the children and their families. If this were not so, Ms. Jackson would not be "sick and tired of reading" about these children and the heart-breaking stories they have to tell.

Remember, Ms. Jackson, the motivation behind most of these people is **money**. Always speaking out for our children,
Flo Hutchinson

To the editor:

I hope no tribal members ever go through what I have been through riding with male transporters.

The first one went into road rage. I was just amputated. I also got shingles. Shingles was very bad. I couldn't sleep, was in pain all the time, no sleep nor did pain pills ease the pain.

This transporter drove very bad, got smart at me, and drove carelessly. He had no respect nor did he care how he drove.

The second transporter drove like he was on a speedway. If there had been fins or wings on the vehicles, we would have been flying. He had no care, no respect driving this way.

The last one got mad at me because I did not want his dog in the van. He exploded on me a couple of weeks later. No one should ever be threatened or cussed at by a transporter.

I've had health problems all my life, starting with polio. Doctors said that I should not be able to walk, but I did.

Feet ulcers started in my 30s. Before that, I never wore special shoes or seen a foot doctor because my family couldn't afford it. We were not restored



To the editor:

I would very much like to see an article every month in *Siletz News* on what the Diabetes Program is doing and what is available to every tribal member, a monthly article like the Tooth Talk has each and every month.

There is so much information out there for us diabetics. We need to get it out to all of our tribal members each and every month. I very much would like to see diabetic recipes too in each and every newsletter.

Why has no one started such a program in our *Siletz News* as of yet? That way, all tribal members can benefit from our program and you could really get the information out to everyone out there.

Thank you.
Angella Robertson

until 1977 and did not have health care until the '80s.

By that time, it was too late, so I started to get ulcers and feet infections. Also in my 30s, I got diabetes, which did not help.

I was amputated Aug. 1, 2001. I will never forget that day. I had heart and sternum surgeries in 2004 and heart, kidney, and respiratory failure in 2005, in which doctors thought I would not live, and now dialysis.

I depend on tribal transporting now. When I had a car and could drive, I took myself, but now I have no car so I depend on the tribe.

All I ask from these transporters is a **safe** ride. They do not have to talk to me, just drive safe.

Why? Why? Why do they all have to drive like they are on a **speedway**?

I do not go after people for their jobs. I do not try to get people **fired**, but when tribal staff are treating us (people) badly – no respect, unfriendly, cussing and back-talking the people – they **should not be working for our tribe**.

With respect,
William S. Strong



To the editor:

As my elder has said – anyone 55 to 69 is a **teen-age elder**. While it is true, according to federal guidelines, if you are 55 and older, you are considered an "elder."

The hardships, as well as the "good" times elders 55 to 69 are experiencing **now**, elders who are 70 years plus have already **endured** those times. It is time for us "old timers" to coast a little now. The extra \$300 helps us coast.

The likes of Ed Ben and myself were still fancy dancing at age 55. So – **buck up** all you youngsters, aged 55 to 69. You got a lot of life to live yet.

The main thing is this – **love one another!**

Hi Auw Wisla
Gilbert Jr. Towner

General Council Meeting

Nov. 4, 2006 – 1 p.m.

Siletz Tribal Community Center – Siletz, Oregon

Agenda

Call to Order	Tribal Member Concerns
Invocation	Declaration of Candidacy
Roll Call	for 2007 Election
Approval of Agenda	Chairman's Report
Approval of Minutes	Announcements
Reports: Tribal Council	Adjournment
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