

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

I want to thank the council members for revising the stipend to include all elders. The decision came as a total surprise, but exceedingly welcome.

I know the allowance will help us meet our basic needs and bring down the expense of those needs.

Sincerely,  
Rose Kentta



To the editor:

Tribal members,

I want to thank all of you who supported me in the recent election. Your confidence in me means a lot to me and I will do my very best to represent all of our people.

Congratulations to Dee Pigsley and Lillie Butler on their election. I also want to thank all of the rest of the candidates who ran and brought many different ideas and issues into the election process.

It is a real honor to participate in tribal government and I will continue to do whatever I can to make our tribal government better for all of us.

Shu' 'aa-shi-nin-la,  
(Thank you)  
Alfred "Bud" Lane III



To the editor:

To all fellow tribal members,

First off, I want to publicly congratulate Dee, Bud, and Lillie. They ran positive campaigns with the overall goal of making the tribe better.

I want to thank everyone who supported and voted for me. I met a lot of tribal members and learned a great deal. I also want to thank everyone who voted against me. You were actively involved in the process of choosing our tribe's leaders; I respect that.

For those who supported me, I'll be back and better for 2008. For those who didn't vote for me this time, I'll be doing the best I can to convince you to vote for me in 2008.

Sar Richards

To the editor:

I just read the letter from Selene Rilatos. Once again, I am astonished at the mindset of Indian people.

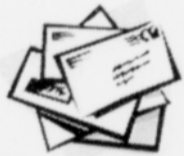
Who in the heck told you that our basic needs are to come from the tribe? My parents raised me to stay in school, get a job at 16, and work for what I need and want! What kind of example is it for our kids to let them think they can rely on the tribe for their basic needs?

Our tribe provides our health care (which is worth a lot), money for education, and also jobs are available. When people fall on hard times, there is assistance from the tribe. Instead of people always looking for something for free, they should be taught to work.

You mentioned the federal government cutting budgets ... they are not responsible for taking care of us - we are (or should be) responsible for that! The majority of people work well into their 70s to take care of themselves.

I have gotten assistance from the tribe a few times and have been so grateful for it. I have never relied on it, though. Nor have I "expected" it. I think our time would be more well-spent being thankful for all we have as a tribe, instead of looking for more handouts.

Cindy Jackson



To the editor:

We wanted Sar to know just how proud we are of him. We know it can feel like you're taking a risk when you run for Tribal Council and we know he feels like it's a risk worth taking.

It is less than a year until the next election and we are starting now with his campaign. **Vote Sar in '08.**

He works for his tribe, employed by the casino.

Respectfully, Edward Collins and family

To the editor:

I've read two articles in the Newport paper, one from Lisa Brown and one from Monte Kentta. I haven't figured out why they put them in an outside newspaper. Enough people are against our casinos - what do they expect the public to do?

I'm amazed how greedy some people are. We **only** get a little over \$1,000?

To me and my brother, who live outside the service area but I get my mail before he does, so I call to tell him the good news (we got some money). His reaction is the same as mine, **all right.**

We're not used to getting money we haven't worked for. Also, we have to pay our water, sewer, electricity, etc. and don't expect anyone else to.

Yes, it's bad when you lose your power. We did for a night and day, but they fixed it as soon as they could. In the meantime, we were wrapped in blankets. But I read that in another state, people were without electricity for one and two weeks. I think we were lucky.

As for the golf course, I think this was a good idea and down the road will really bring in the money! They've put one in north of Bandon and now they've put in golf resort housing. They're going to put a public one south of Bandon and already housing is going sky high.

So many casinos are going in that you won't make it from them alone. That's why

I'm grateful to Delores Pigsley and others who are looking ahead.

Lisa, I know one solution for you! If you think Grand Ronde is doing a better job, you're free to change your name to their tribe.

As for Monte talking about block voting and only voting for three, and one for each one. You can only vote once for a president also. Each person has the right to vote for whomever he chooses.

I'm grateful for any information. I read the Voter's Pamphlet - that helps also. But whoever goes on for pages complaining, I cross them off for sure and those talking about not finishing (or going) to high school, what kind of message are we sending to our children?

Monte, you talk about logging. My grandfather, father, husband, his brother, and my sons were all loggers but where are all the mills now? Overseas, like many other jobs. So be grateful our tribe is investing in different areas.

As for having outsiders running our casino, if we can find someone who knows what they're doing and is experienced, it's an asset. If I were going to put my life in a doctor's care, I would hope he had experience and knew what he was doing!

I hope you look around and see you have it pretty good.

Sincerely,  
Wanda Melton



To the editor:

What a wonderful surprise it was to see that one of the donations made to Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln County came from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (*Siletz News*, January 2007).

We will think of you with every step

we take in our home, for the donation was used in the foundation, along with the electrical and plumbing.

We will welcome the tribal elders to the dedication of our home when it happens.

Kristina Ewing and daughter, Alisa Johnson, want to see what is going on (see photo on page 13). They have come up to watch Dad, Papa C, and Uncle do the job to make this a wonderful Habitat home.

With appreciation,  
Chris and Kathy Johnson-Kirkpatrick

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