

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

In the past five months articles have appeared in our Tribal newsletter and other newspapers that have contained many untruths and slanderous remarks made by the present Tribal Chairman.

One incorrect remark is that she is the first woman to become Chairman of the Tribe. I did not publicly brag about it when I was Chairman for five months in 1983, nor did you see on my time sheet the hours that I spent with reporters, so perhaps some Tribal members and others were never aware that a woman was Chairman before now.

Never, in the 11 years that I have served on the tribal Council have I seen or heard of a Tribal leader putting self interest priorities at the top of their list until these past few months.

The Tribal Constitution says the Tribal Council will do what is best for all Tribal members, that we will protect and promote our rights, beliefs and development. Recently 4 council members presented a written request for an item of interest be put on the meeting agenda. The Chairman did not consider that the Constitution says if 3 Council members request in writing to add to the agenda that will be done. This is self

interest. Because of the parties involved, a contradictory policy overruled our Constitution. Double standards are handily used.

The Tribal Chairman is not in the office; that position has been delegated to the Vice Chairman. During the month of March on 13 visits to the Chairman's office no one was in. One Tribal member was told they could not talk to the Chairman because she left the office at 5 p.m. I know the Chairman's position is a 24 hour job and seven days a week. Availability to the Tribal members who need someone to talk to, someone to listen and the respect to have their questions and concerns handled in a timely, willing fashion has not been happening.

I was removed from the Chairman's position because of the untruths, rumors, and disrespect of our present Chairman.

You cannot ask others to follow the rules, be respectful and commit yourself to principles when you do not. You can't accuse your fellow Tribal member of doing things for personal gain when that is all that I have seen being done for over a year now.

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To the Editor:

I just wanted to thank you for sending us the paper and let you know what is happening because we've been kept informed of the tribal news.

In February 1981 we received a copy of the paper which told of Indian Health Scholarships being offered for people interested in furthering their education in health care fields. Both my mother (Alice Pond Warren) and I were RN's with associate degrees. We applied for the scholarships to complete our B.S. degrees and we were accepted. On June 3rd this year we graduated from Seattle Pacific University. We will be working for the next two years with the Indian Health Service as pay-back on our scholarships and are very happy to do so. I will be working at the Phoenix Indian Medical Center and my mother will probably be working in Tuba City, Arizona as a Community Health Nurse. We would never have known about the scholarship grants if it hadn't been for the tribal paper.

Thank you for this service and if we can ever do anything to help the Confederated Tribes of Siletz please let us know.

Sincerely yours,
Sheila Warren
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Dear Editor:

As a tribal member, I am very concerned over the hiring procedures at the tribal office.

I wrote a letter to the Council regarding my concern and received a letter back, but not to my satisfaction.

What I was trying to get through the Council is that ALL tribal members should have an equal chance when applying for a job. Not, because of who you are or if they like or dislike you.

I am not the only one concerned. Different members have expressed their opinion of what is occurring at the tribal office.

I still believe that if the General Manager needs an Assistant, with his BIG salary, we don't need him at all.

Thank you,
Joella Kline
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cut three cords, keeping two and delivering the third to an elder.

This program may supply firewood to all elders in need if it is supported by you the tribal members.

If you have questions on this program, contact the Tribal Forester at the Forestry Office or call 444-2597.



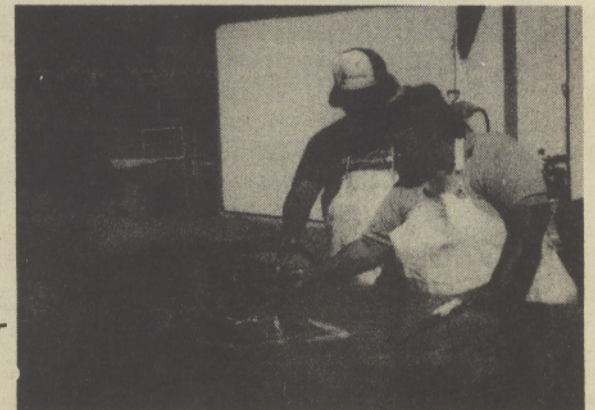
Special Thanks

I would like to give special thanks to all those who helped with this year's salmon harvest. Retrieval and processing of the tribe's 4,000 pounds of salmon went smoothly. This would not have been possible without the efforts of all the people who helped. We processed 300 fish on a hot July 2nd. All who took part worked very hard to see that the salmon was cleaned, cut, and wrapped in a manner that would provide the best possible salmon for all tribal members.

Those who helped include: Corliss Attebury, Mary Ashley, Ricky Ashley, Melvin McKnight, Delbert Bell, Jim Werth, Bonnie Peterson, DeAnn Brown, Tom Staggs, Bruce Wilson, Otto John, David John, David John Jr., Dan Rilatos, Jerald Marzan, Andrew Brown, Fonda Case, Joella Kline, Wilma Strong, and Ivan Brown.

Thank you all for your hard work.

Ted Werth
Hunting & Fishing Liaison



2 Tons Salmon

Four thousand pounds of salmon was processed and much of it distributed July 2nd and 3rd. The tribe received 300 fish from the Dexter holding ponds near Springfield. The fish was packed on ice and some was transported to Salem and Springfield for distributions in their service areas. The rest was transported back to Siletz where it was cut and wrapped for distribution.

The fish that was not distributed was frozen and later distributed to those tribal members that missed out on the first distribution. The second round of distributions took place on July 23rd and 24th in Siletz, Springfield, Corvallis, and Salem. The Distribution was on a first-come first-served basis.

Firewood Permits

For the time being, Free Use Permits are available for Tribal Members to cut up to one cord of firewood from Tribal lands. The permits and the wood are available on a first-come first-served basis. The wood is for the personal use of Tribal members and is not to be sold.

Wood cutters will need to provide their own saws and hauling vehicles. Only one permit per household per year will be issued for each permit area.

Wood is presently available from the Lower Gorge Logging Unit. This is well seasoned fir, maple and alder. This unit is scheduled to be burned in early August, so people wanting permits in this area should act fast.

Wood from the Mill Creek Site Conversion Unit will be available in late August.

For information, permits and maps of the permit area, contact the Tribal Forester or Bureau of Indian Affairs Forestry personnel at the Forestry Office of the Siletz Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, phone 444-2597.

Elderly Firewood Program

This year's elderly firewood program will be a bit different than past programs. Since there is no wood available on Government Hill and no funding available to cut, split, and haul firewood from other areas we are hoping for community spirit to fuel this year's program.

The Tribal Forester is putting together a list of all Tribal Members 60 years and older. He will then write to these people and find out

which ones burn wood, and will be in need of wood for this winter.

Under the regular tribal firewood permit policy each household is only allowed one cord of firewood per year from each permit area. However, under the Elderly Firewood Program, if a tribal member will cut a cord of wood and deliver it to an elder on the list, he will then be eligible to receive a permit for a second cord for himself. So a member could

Trophy Won

Laverne Butler recently won a third place trophy in the womens' division for wrist-wrestling. The competition took place during Phil Sheridan Days at Sheridan, Oregon July 4th through 7th. The event was considered to be for the state championship.

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