



## Council Chairman's Report

Delores Pigsley

At the November 2, General Council meeting, some individuals raised the issue once again for a per capita payment. Individuals accused the Council of wasting timber resources because Council is using tribal money to secure additional land and to create sound economic base for the Tribe. If the petition that was introduced would be passed, it would bankrupt the Tribe and destroy our future just to receive a few dollars.

The Tribe recently completed a socio-economic survey which demonstrated how critical it is for us to be successful in our economic development efforts. The Tribe's unemployment rate is over 30 percent. Over 40 percent of our households are below the government poverty level. Two-thirds of our membership are under 40. Many of our people are young, poor, and without jobs.

With these shocking employment and economic statistics, I ask whether anyone can justify bankrupting the Tribe and destroying its efforts to create economic opportunity. I ask whether anyone believes that liquidating the Tribe's assets and receiving a few hundred dollars will have any lasting impact on the serious financial difficulties suffered by many of our people.

I do not believe that a majority of our tribal members agree with those few who would let personal greed stop the future development of the Tribe. For example, 60 percent of those interviewed who live outside the Siletz area indicated they would move back to Siletz if jobs were available. Seventy-six percent of those surveyed said they probably would take job training offered by the Tribe to help them prepare for suitable employment. Based on these figures, I am confident that the majority of tribal members do not want a per capita payment. They would rather have the Tribe pursue its effort to create jobs and economic opportunity. I will continue to work to achieve Restoration goals and will continue to try and make our Tribe one of the best in the nation.

# SILETZ NEWS

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# Letters To The Editor

To the Editor,  
Dear Gilbert,  
We would like to Thank You for your words and song at Patty and Tiffany's burial. It was an honor to them as well as an honor to us.

Sincerely,  
The Lane Family

To the Editor,  
Dear Gilbert,  
I would also like to express my thanks by writing a poem for you. It is an expression of how I felt at the cemetery.

Your words flowed,  
like a slow, smooth stream.  
They lighted my heart's load,  
and opened my mind's bad dream.

I saw Autumn leaves sing in the breeze,  
And I felt the swaying of mournful trees.  
Life's circle will keep living on,  
We were the night, waiting for dawn.

Mitzi Shoemake

To the Editor,  
We would like to thank everyone who was so caring and giving after Patty and Tiffany's tragic death. It really was a lift to a heavy heart, and a glimmer of life to our spirit to have you all with us. Time is a precious thing to give.

Sincerely,  
The Lane Family

To the Editor,  
Smoke screens to divert from other infractions? Upkept records of donations? A Goldfinger Lawyer? A passing vote for per capita payment by tribal members was shot down by the Council... Why Vote? First the Government, then we do it to our self?

J. Caba  
Gresham, Ore

To the Editor,  
My name is Selene (Rilatos) Brandt, a tribal member, and I am running for Tribal Council.

Being culturally inclined and was taught by many respectful members of my family and others who have taught me their culture ways, I would like to see traditions and culture continue through future generations. Being Indian makes me proud. There are many issues that I have strong feelings about and would back up everything that I have said. I feel that we as the people, tribal members, have a right to our own opinion and I feel everyone matters, because we are one. If there is a need, problem or concern I want you to feel free to call or come and see me.

To represent our Tribe and you, Tribal Council is a very distinguished position and should be represented in that manner always. Sitting on Council you would have to leave your family and personal feelings at home, because when you make a vote it needs to be an objective and professional vote, for the benefit of the future of our entire Tribe.

I will be present at each candidates' fair, please check the dates for when they will take place or call Tina Jones at Central Office, 444-2532.

I strongly urge you to vote and really think it through and ask each candidate their feelings on issues of concern to you.

One issue that is of great concern to me is the petition that was presented to General Council on November 2, 1985. It was regarding the possibility of the Tribe receiving per capita payment and liquidate all the Tribes' assets. Why? I ask why would we want to destroy and take away all that's been accomplished. I hope that your kids and mine, and their kids and the future generations to come are benefiting from our Tribe's successes.

I want to help all Tribal Members, and in December I will be going into Portland and check out all the services that are available there for our people. I know that this is one area but it's a start. I will then have an orientation type of training for the Tribal Members in that area. I want to help all the members of this Tribe, and some day, let's work and help this Tribe to become self sufficient so we can help each and everyone.

So think on this issue and the many others that concerns our Tribe and if I am elected, trust that I will do my best to serve you in the most honorable manner.

Sincerely,  
Marita Selene Brandt  
(Rilatos)  
Home phone number:  
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To the Editor,  
This is in response to several letters in the November tribal paper. Taken as a whole, the letters are sad commentary on their author's ability to engage in informed debate and discussion of legitimate issues. Apparently, lacking facts, they offer unsubstantiated opinion, half-truths, innuendo, and rumor as a basis for altering the Council and the chairperson in particular. It is unfortunate that their "concern" does not extend to using common courtesy, avoiding "low road" politics, and using the general council meetings as a forum for open, face to face discussion and debate of real issues. It is ridiculous to express concern for tribal "image" and the membership and then attempt to support that concern with vague, unfounded charges, rumor mongering, and a truck load of sour grapes.

For example, the Councilman's letter claims support for Vernon Brown's position but the councilman did not make a single motion to move the discussion into executive session or even table the motion to provide more time. His accusations concerning Dee Pigsley simply have no basis in fact. He would have us believe that the council is controlled by a single vote, the chairperson, and that "we have lost quite a bit." His vague reference to contracts and grants is not supported by fact. Tribal growth has continued under the present council and its chairperson. Their unity of purpose is easily seen in the number of unanimous votes. Mr. Brown's mute council performance and attendance record conflict with his written views. Another author presumes to speak for the Vice-chairman and hints that the chairperson's performance is unsatisfactory because she lives in Salem. Another opinion not supported by fact. The vice-chairman has not lodged a single complaint about "the chair" and Dee Pigsley's excellent attendance record and availability for tribal functions are matters of

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record. The "Goat," "Redneck," "Hangover," and "Barstool" slurs are inexcusable. Finally, there is the "concerned tribal member" whose concern is such that we are offered statements such as "the whole situation has brought to light rumors" and "there have also been rumors" in attempt to discredit the council for facing a very difficult, even painful matter. The council operated within its authority and, frankly, demonstrated courage in addressing a controversial issue openly and decisively. Using the rumor mill to fan emotions, cloud issues, and discredit the council's work is a disservice to tribal government and has no place in any political process.

The determination and achievement of tribal goals will be a product of tribal unity. That unity of purpose will come through the actions of informed, interested tribal members. The individual decisions which produce majority rule must be a result of open, earnest discussion and debate of issues and careful examination of facts found in council minutes, attendance and voting records, and the individual candidate's attitude and commitment. In this process honest differences of opinion are inevitable and are in fact healthy. However, when difference of opinion degenerates to "Poison Pen" and "Cheap Shot" tactics, it inhibits tribal government and discourages individual participation.

It is really very sad that the inability to accept majority decisions and to keep political discussions on impersonal, courteous level are allowed to stain tribal government, divide families, destroy life-long friendships, and establish senseless feuds.

J. Lane Jr.

To the Editor,  
Angela is 12 years old, attends Wood Middle School at Wilsonville, Oregon. She is the daughter of Shirley & Russ Walker of Wilsonville and granddaughter of Archie & Vick Ben of Siletz, and Ralph & Phyllis Walker of Pistol River, Oregon.

Thank you,  
Shirley Walker