

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor, Council and all Tribal Members:

For many of us, the Siletz News is the only link we have with the Tribe and its activities. Therefore, delivery of the Siletz News should be made in a timely manner to all members, not just to those residing in Lincoln County.

My November issue of the News arrived on November 22nd. Within the pages of this issue were several reminders to attend activities which had long passed. The issue even included an expired application for election to council.

Even if it requires sending the Siletz News via first class postage, All members of OUR Tribe are entitled to be informed of ALL activities of the Tribe before they occur.

As it now stands, those of us living outside the 'sacred' eight county service area of the Confederated Siletz only wish we could receive today's news today.

Rick Dodds

EDITORS NOTE:

The Siletz Newsletter is sent out the last week of each month. All newsletters are mailed on the same day. Due to the high cost of mailing, they are sent out as bulk mail. Bulk mail is the last thing sorted at your post office. If you are not receiving your Newsletter in a timely fashion, please contact your local Post Master.

Dear Confederated Tribes of Siletz:

Eva Battise died November 24, 1989. Her family would like to express their sincere appreciation to all who helped make such a sorrowful day a little less painful.

Thank you for your kindness and thank you for your generosity. Thank you for letting us know we were not alone with our sorrow.

Thank you for being there,

Lloyd & Lucilla Stainbrook, Dwayne & Peggy Flores, Randall P. Flores.

Dear Editor:

We would like to thank Aunt Betty Jayne and Aunt Mary for sponsoring a "Silent" shower for us. We were surprised and very pleased. Also, thanks to many aunts, uncles and cousins who sent gifts to us. It makes us happy to know you were thinking of us. God Bless You for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
Todd & Iris Durand

To the Director of Affairs:

My name is Carole

Walters and I presently live in California although I have been an Australian resident for the past twenty years.

The Australian people after understanding their own aboriginal culture are thus curious and appreciative of other indigenous cultures throughout our world. I was recently in Australia and what I found was a great desire to learn about American Indian culture and Art.

I saw in the market places all varieties of Indonesian, Oriental and African arts and crafts but I saw virtually no American Indian artwork, either in jewellery, basketry or painting. When I spoke to Australian galleries about their lack of American Indian art they expressed a great fascination and desire to know about the North American Indian culture. Perhaps because Australia is half way around the world no one has exposed the Australians to the Aboriginal Americans.

I am currently studying the anthropological and artistic histories of North American Indian tribes. It is my wish to see

other cultures exposed to the art of the Americans so that we may enrich other peoples to a culture rich in history and values.

What I propose to do is buy art produced by the people living on North American reservations and export this to reputable galleries in Australia. If there are people producing arts and crafts on your reservation or if you have significant information about your tribe that might be of interest to others, I would very much appreciate a call or a letter from you. If you are at all interested on any of these levels, please contact me. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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From Us to You:

I and my family would like to take this opportunity during the Yule Season to thank all of those responsible for publishing the Siletz Newsletter. It keeps me in touch with you. Although I have not been active with my people for many years, it does not change the fact, I consider myself part of these Great People, The Confederated Tribes of Siletz.

As my wife and I try to teach the young people in our group home, that with honor, there is justice and with people united in a common cause, there is strength! The Great Spirit will look down upon us and teach us to be more like him!

So we say to you, keep up the good work. We may be far away in miles, in our hearts we are but a step away. May the New Year give us all the ingredients of a successful life. Salt and Justice to us all.

Larry L. Lee & Family

To The Editor:

On the evening of December 18 between 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. the next

morning, someone helped themselves to two 10-speed mountain bikes off of our front porch. One is a black huffy and the other is a green and yellow huffy with "Rockers" on the frame. We would like them returned. There are two upset boys in our house.

If you know anything about these bikes PLEASE call 444-9037.

Mike & Tracy Fisher

To My Family & Friends:

As my family and close friends know, this is a trying time for me, a time when we need family and good friends around us with love and understanding. I have yet another hill to climb and I want to publicly thank my family and friends for the love and understanding they are giving me, the support I so badly need now. I love all of you.

I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and have a better New Year. Remember your loved ones.

Thank you to Larry (Lee) for your nice letter. Lord knows we try. If I'm down that way I'll call you. (He lives in Reno, folks) as Kris says, that's my Meccal!

Love,

Shirley



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