

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

We would like to have the following letter in your next issue, if you have the space and approve of its content.

Every year our family looks forward to spending the weekend at your Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow. We come from Eugene to enjoy as your guest the fruit of the labor of so many people. From the Grand Entry to the Closing Ceremony, we admire the incredible costumes, the marvelous dancers and drummers and the pride you people show to everyone. Also, your respect for God, all humans and the land in which we must all protect and preserve. On Sunday, the traditional salmon dinner is wonderful!! All the workers are so polite and generous. We appreciate all the long, hard hours it takes to put this together- and so successful. Every year, it just gets better and better. Finally, once again, we would like every single person who had anything to do, at any level, with the Pow-Wow, to know they should be very proud!! Plus, the black and white and color pictures of this year's Pow-Wow in the Siletz News Letter are great!!

Mike Kunkle and family

To Alton I. Butler,

Dad, I would like to give many thanks for having a great Dad like you. I hope and pray I can give my children and people the love, understanding, giving and sharing you have given us growing up. Thank you, Dad, for always being there. No matter how big or small, you are there. We love you lots and will remember you forever.

Your daughter, J.R., Jacob, and Sarah Brock

P.S. A special thank you to Sally & family.

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Dear Dee:

Thank you for your hospitality when I visited Siletz last week. The salmon lunch was fantastic, and I enjoyed strolling through the park after lunch. I was very impressed with the remarkable changes which have occurred in recent years, and got a real sense of optimism from you and the other Tribal members.

The Tribe has made tremendous strides in economic development and self sufficiency since restoration, and you should be proud of your efforts. I look forward to continuing to work with the Siletz in the years ahead to achieve your full potential.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,
Les AuCoin
Member of Congress

To The Editor:

We would like to thank all the people who worked so hard to schedule and coordinate the Elders Rogue River Trip. Additionally, special thanks is extended to Frances Klamath for her enthusiasm in providing help to the Elders, to Maxine for providing for the safety and special needs of our mother, and to Uncle Alton for his attention to the needs of Jimmy Brown. To our fellow travelers, thanks for the fellowship of an enjoyable trip and may all our interactions have the same degree of mutual respect and love for one another. Lastly, we thank the staff of Singing Springs Resort for their hospitality.

Sincerely,
Ed & Deloras Ben

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All letters received will be printed. Please type or write legible, no profane language will be printed. All letters must include your name and address. Send letters to: Siletz News, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, Oregon 97380.

PLEASE NOTE: The General Manager of the Siletz Tribe is the Chief Editor of the Siletz Newsletter.

Dear Editor:

I have just finished reading my September issue of the Siletz News Letter and once again the City of Siletz has been given the blame for a Tribal Project gone astray.

Our Chairperson seems to be quick with her words of blame. I refer to her statement in the

September 1990 issue of the Siletz News Letter, Page 23, Health Clinic Report. Dee said "that one of the things which held the project up was that the City of Siletz had agreed to another site and then at the last hour they decided not to sell or lease the land to the Tribe".

If our Chairperson had bothered to attend any of the City Council Meetings herself she would have gotten the facts of the matter. I do understand that we all have other commitments in our lives but there is written transcripts available for all City Meetings. Maybe it would be to the benefit of our Chairperson to obtain copies of the City Council Minutes when the Tribe has an item of concern on the Agenda should she not be able to attend the meeting herself.

But then did our Chairperson rely on another source for her misinformation and shame on that source for not getting the facts straight.

This is not the first time the City of Siletz has been blamed for a Tribal Project gone astray and it probably won't be the last considering the the Tribe has a past history of problem projects (Silatchee Housing Phase I, S.E. Swan Avenue Improvements, STEDCO) to name a few.

I have worked for the City of Siletz since 1982 and have seen a lot of things transpire between the City and the Tribe. I would hope that our present Chairperson and any Future Chairpersons would consider the consequences an offhand statement and the placement of blame would have on any working relationship regardless if that blame belonged there or not.

As the old saying goes "Think before you speak or your words may come back to haunt you".

Copies of all City of Siletz Meeting Minutes can be obtained at cost at the Siletz City Hall during regular working hours Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,
Sheryl Simmons
Siletz Tribal Member
City of Siletz Deputy Recorder

To The Editor:

The September 1990 issue of the Siletz News, Page 23, Column 1, the last twelve lines of the Health Clinic Update as recorded in the August 4, 1990 General Council Minutes contained the following which I am obligated to respond to;

"Marlene asked who approved the design of the health clinic building and don't tribal members have a say in the location and design. Dee said Council approved the design and location. Dee said one of the things which held the project up was that the City of Siletz had agreed to another site and then at the last hour they decided not to sell or lease the land to the Tribe. Marlene said that the funding came in two years ago and now we have to rush around and get the construction done or chance losing funding."

The Siletz City Council has met with Tribal Representatives on four occasions since May 25, 1988, regarding the Health Clinic siting and planning process. Additionally Tribal Representatives met with the City of Siletz Planning commission August 1, 1988 and was scheduled to meet with the City Council for a Workshop September 13, 1988 at 6:00 p.m. This Workshop was rescheduled to the Tribal Council Meeting on Saturday of that month and to the best of my knowledge, was not attended by the City Council Members. The following is a chronological transcription of the City Council and Planning Commission's minutes regarding the Health Clinic, copies of which are attached to this letter and are available at cost on request at the City Hall.

City of Siletz/Work Session
5/25/88 - 6:30pm Pg. 1
CTSI Health Clinic

The CTSI has been awarded an OCD Block Grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 to construct a Health Clinic, and they would like to place same within the City Limits of Siletz. It is the Tribe's plans to serve non-Indian clients as well as Tribal and other Indian clients. P. Rilatios has stated that they are looking at leasing a piece of property from the City. It was suggested that STEDCO should discuss locating the Clinic on