

Letters to the Editor

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PLEASE NOTE: The Chief Executive Officer of the Siletz Tribe is the Chief Editor of the Siletz Newsletter.



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am looking for my brother Fearn H. Blacketer Jr. or his children. Would anyone knowing their whereabouts please contact me. My name is Salli A. Blacketer. Please write information in care of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz, 1718 NE 82nd, Portland, OR 97220 or call (503) 255-3510 and leave a message for Salli.

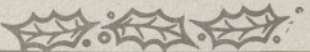
Thank You,
Salli Blacketer



HO! HO! HO!

Happy Holidays to our family: Dad, Margo, Pat, Tina, Mark and all their children and spouses. Even though we're many miles apart, you're deep in our hearts, especially during this Holiday Season. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Angella, Robbie, Dale & William



Things that are capable of being done,

Remember the past for the young,

Reminisce what you were told, By people of old.

Vital is the knowledge of the home of our ancestors bones, that's besieged by wanton folk that would have you believe you are free, while you parade upon concentration camp grounds.

Like children running looking for the golden egg where in actuality your gold was stole. Wealth that could be bestowed if you would take your heads out of the sand and make a defiant stand for the ancestral home land of Tootooney and Chetco peoples. In the time of 28 presidents of the United States, they forced you into oblivion. Now you call yourself the Siletz Nation. Mystical magic could it be that tells us we are in need.

Tootooney translated means, "people of the water", which happens to be the Rogue River. Tootooney, as all Native Americans, believed water to be life blood of creation, "as nothing can live without water, it comes to reason". Livelihood of the Tootooney was based around the Rogue River and tributaries. This is where the ideology comes from when the Tootooney instated the Rogue River was the "life blood of the people" who took notice of the temperature rising in the life blood of the Tootooney summer 1992, one hundred and forty years after a political party that was called the "Know Nothings", sent the army to our lands, with pistol and paper in their hands saying "you will submit your lands," which they NEVER did. Any wonder the temperature of the blood rises. Look in the eyes of the young, can't you see they need and want more than a house on Government Hill, that the government will appropriate in the end.

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There may be a leader among the young that needs to know the truths of the people's past in order to lead them home, away from the valley that took away everything except their heart.

Robert VanPelt
November 6, 1992



HAPPY HOLIDAYS to Jackie, Jesse, Joy and Leila.

Love,
Dad & LeiLani



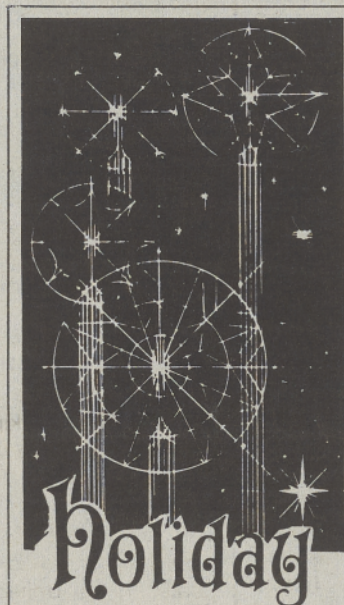
Friends of Ed Bensell:

We would like to thank Walt Klamath for speaking at Uncle Eddie's graveside service and Frank Simmons and the veterans for the military salute. He was especially proud to have served his country in World War II.

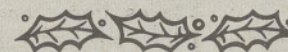
We would also like to thank Troy Pigsley for his offer of assistance and we would especially like to thank Reggie Butler, Robert Kentta, George Muschamp and Bill Austin for their perseverance with the shovels.

Thanking You All Again,

The Ed Bensell Family



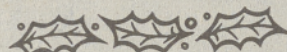
May your holiday be filled with love and laughter!



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DAD!!!
Love,
Jack & LeiLani



HAPPY HOLIDAYS to our family: Dad&Mom, Art, Jane, David, Rachel, Mickey, Lydia, Barbara, Danny, & Kids.

Jack & LeiLani



DEAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Many Tribal members feel deeply appreciative of your efforts in getting approved the fee-to-trust request, enabling us to put the land in Salem into trust and begin work on a Gaming Facility. I wanted to take a few minutes to let you know how we feel.

I'm not sure that everyone is aware, but you spent many long hours on the road, in meetings and planning strategy to help in the process. This was time spent away from your jobs, away from your families, and time spent dealing with angry and confused members of the Salem and Woodburn communities. Often times you were faced with on-the-spot interviews, were misquoted in newspapers and news articles, and had to deal with difficult personal decisions regarding gambling.

Your efforts have been successful. This will have a lasting effect for our Tribe. I don't think there's any question of the variety of needs our Tribe and tribal members have. We lack adequate housing, health care, education funding, cultural opportunities, and employment opportunities. We have come a long way since 1977, but I believe people are aware of the pressing unmet needs. I am extremely hopeful this Gaming Facility will provide us with funding to tackle these problems in the future.

We understand that this is only the first step in the process. Many more hours will be spent in planning for the facility, and plenty more hours will be spent on the road. For this, we want you to know that your efforts are appreciated, and hope that you will call on us to assist you in any way.

Again, on behalf of myself, my family and other tribal members--THANKS FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS. YOU'RE REALLY APPRECIATED.

Sincerely,
Tina M. Retasket



Wedding Announcement

Bevens/Ramsdell

Tribal Member Sue Bevens is engaged to marry E.G. "Butch" Ramsdell. The wedding will be held in Salem on December 5, 1992. They will take a short trip to the coast for a honeymoon, but plan to take a longer one sometime this summer.

Congratulations and best wishes to both of you!

