

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.

THANK YOU:

We would like to THANK everyone that lent support to our family, with the passing of our father, Evan Moody. This time has been a very difficult time for us, and the help we received from Tribal Council, the people that helped prepare and close the burial site, the kitchen help and all the people that brought the wonderful food made our time easier to bear.

Brian and Sonya Moody

I would like to give a very special THANK YOU to some special people that gave me support during my time of loss.

My co-workers at the Salem Area Office who have all been so patient and understanding during by Father's illness and passing. Special thanks also go to the Siletz Dancers and Dancing Again Singers, who have always supported me and my children and who continue to think of us during our absence. To my Mother and family. My Mother is a very special person who supported my Father, my Brother and her grandchildren through this difficult year and still continues to do so. We could not have dealt with this without her.

I feel very fortunate to be a Tribal Member. There are not many places a person can receive so much support from so many people. Many may not have even known me very well but this did not keep them from lending support or a kind word. I feel fortunate for this common tie we all hold, THE SILETZ TRIBE.

Again, THANK YOU.
Sonya Moody-Jurado

OPEN LETTER TO TRIBAL MEMBERS:

As Tribal members, we are all deeply concerned about the incidents of alcohol and other drug abuse prevalent amongst our people. Our children are abused and neglected because their parents are not clean and sober--- 90% of the ICW cases involve drug and alcohol issues. Our women and children are victims of domestic violence by those under the influence of intoxicants.

Our people are dying in alcohol related vehicle accidents at an alarming rate. Residents of our own housing project fear for their lives from Tribal members who are drunk or under the influence of other drugs shooting off weapons. It's time we took a hard look at what we can do as a community.

I believe that all of us must work on this issue together. I, also, believe a strong leadership is necessary to influence change, beginning with our Tribal Council. Therefore, I am urging you to consider asking candidates the following questions, and making your vote for those individuals who can support successful drug and alcohol programs. Please feel free to call me to lend your support. I can be reached at 444-2049 (home) or 444-4261 (work). **SPEAK OUT AND MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!!**

Sincerely,
Tina M. Retasket
P.O. Box 725
Siletz, OR 97380

Questions For Tribal Council Candidates:

1. Are you practicing sobriety in your daily life?
2. Are you willing to practice sobriety during your term on Tribal Council?
3. Are you willing to support Drug & Alcohol Treatment Centers, Transitional Housing, Youth Group Homes?
4. Are you willing to commit Tribal Funds to build and operate Treatment Centers, Transitional Housing and Youth Group Homes?
5. Will you support Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention as the #1 Health Priority for the Tribe, Tribal Health Committee and Tribal Health Staff?

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TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in reference to the attempt by Barbara Roberts, governor of Oregon, to prevent the Siletz Tribe from starting up a gaming facility in Salem.

I am concerned, as a Siletz Tribal member who has a right to access the potential revenue this economic development might generate. My concern is based on my belief that we, the Siletz tribal enrollees, are entitled to the opportunity to pursue options which will generate revenue, especially considering that we no longer possess much of the land/timber/water resources which at one time belonged to the Indian People of our Confederated Tribes.

When you consider the revenue and the escalating price of real estate, it seems quite minuscule that we request access to 20 acres of commercial land for the operation site of a gaming facility.

The 20-acre parcel was found to have no significant detrimental effects on the surrounding community by Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan Jr. Governor Roberts believes the Tribe is infringing on state sovereignty...It seems to be a matter of whose constitution should take precedence. I also feel it should be considered

GAMING

TO THE EDITOR:

For some reason I cannot understand why it is that as a Tribe we are so dogmatic about putting a gaming hall in Salem. Those people do not want us there, they have shown it in several ways.

Wherever a gaming hall is built it is going to benefit the community economically. Salem area does not need it.

I personally think that if it is done, it should be done in our own backyard. Why do we want to build up an area that is not ours? We are saying to our own people to move back to Siletz. We have built homes here in Siletz, we are planning a low income housing complex, but, there is no work here. This Gaming Center is going to create jobs, many of them.

Lincoln County would welcome this adventure. 50% of all tourists that come to Oregon visit Newport and Lincoln City.

If the stakes are high in the payoffs, people will go a long way out of their way for a

what has already been "taken from the Siletz people.

The State of Oregon owns title to much of the land which once belonged to the Tribes of the Siletz Confederation; why not return these lands? Or maybe allow them to "buy 20 acres of commercial land in Salem, place it into trust and build a gaming facility?"

The facility would increase tourism, create jobs and assure that the tribal members are able to generate revenue to assure the continuation of funding for education for the young, so that they may become a productive member of the society by learning a trade necessary to be employed. With education, our people can decrease our dependency upon the social service/welfare system by becoming a part of the workforce.

Revenue would also generate funding for medical expenses reducing medical services funding and would allow the Siletz Tribe to begin to create a future for the young Indian people and to assure the care of our Elders.

Lisa L. Brown

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chance to win, point, look at all of the excursions to Reno and Las Vegas, for a weekend. If the stakes are high here they will come no matter what.

I think that we must take care of our own, our people today, and we must look to the Seventh Generation, what are we going to leave to them.

Salem is not part of ours today, it was in years past, true, but as was said the treaty was not ratified, so it was not.

Probably our good Governor will oppose anything that we as a Tribe try to do now.

Personally I would not go across the street to gamble, unless it is real high stakes, like Mega Bucks, when it hits 9 million, then I play.

Walt Klamath

LOOKING FOR anyone who video taped the Honor Dance for Agnes Flanary 4:30 Saturday at the 1992 Nesika Illahee Pow Wow. Contact Dottie Highley at 444-4217.