

More Letters.....

A quick and complete recovery is wished to Harry Fuller. We miss your smiling face!

TO THE EDITOR:

We, the members of the staff at Siletz Tribal Smokehouse, would like to express our appreciation to Smokehouse Manager, Dan Lundy.

Dan is not only our boss but also our friend. He has devoted himself to the Smokehouse from the beginning. We feel that if it wasn't for Dan, the Smokehouse would not be where it is today.

Dan is more than the manager of the Smokehouse, he is the driving force behind it. He is always trying new ideas to make the Smokehouse bigger and better. His enthusiasm is very catching. He makes the Smokehouse a great place to work.

He never has a problem with jumping right in and helping us out no matter what needs to be done. Dan is not only there for us professionally but personally, if we need him. I really believe my job wouldn't be as challenging if not for Dan. We feel so comfortable working for Dan that everything runs smooth.

Dan is the best manager Siletz Tribal Smokehouse could have. We don't know what would happen without him. Keep up the good work, Dan, and thank you for giving us such a great place to work!!!

Wendy Anderson (Butler)
Margaret Romane
Louise Towner
Ray Goodell

This letter is to inform you that, due to time restraints and commitments, I respectfully request that my name be removed from candidacy for Tribal Council.

Thank You,
Ron Hudson

EDITORS NOTE: The Election Board informs us that a person cannot remove their name from the ballot. However, they can decline the position if elected.

**Happy Birthday
Cliffon! Auntie
loves you!**

TO THE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP:

Election time is almost here. I am quite surprised at some candidates. We, as tribal members have the right to exercise our vote who we want to represent us on Tribal Council. We listen to the same thing every year.... empty promises. There is a candidate that is running that doesn't give a hoot for Elders, and one that doesn't care for poor tribal members. I don't want someone like that to represent me. Every vote counts. The same goes for Council representatives. The freedom of religion is one example. Just because a tribal member has not been raised as an Indian, they should still have an open mind on Indian issues. We, as American Indians, do have a right to our freedom of religion where ever we might be.

Most of everybody is concerned about the blood degree. It's too bad that is all they are concerned about. What is more important is the economical part of the Tribe. If anything should be voted on, it is STEDCO. The money that STEDCO has lost, every Tribal member could of benefitted from a per capita.

Joella Cain

**Our sympathies are
extended to the family of
Walt Howell.**

A THANK YOU NOTE;

I, Pete Downey, of the Shasta Nation am the Grandson of John Adams, Shasta/Rogue River, his uncle being the great war chief, Tyee John. Chief John gathered the tribes of the Rogue River to recover their lands on September 20, 1850. 143 years later his great-great-nephew, Robert Kentta is at work researching what happened in that time to his people. We must remember that most Indian law today is tied to these treaties. I myself believe if my uncle Tyee John did not stand his ground on the Rogue, we would not be living on the Siletz. The bloodline would have died on the Rogue. I can thank my mother, Mae Adams, for her wonderful resilience. Thank you, Robert, this was much overdue research.

Pete

TO THE EDITOR:

On November 6th, I attended my first Tribal Council meeting. I was very pleased to learn that I, as a Tribal Member, have power within the Tribe by attending Tribal Council meetings, listening to issues of concern and voting on subjects that directly concern me as a Tribal Member.

When I lived away from the Siletz area, I use to complain a lot because I did not agree with our Tribal Council's choices. As distressed as I was, I did not make any attempt to vote or to even send in an absentee ballot. I still thought I had a right to be irritated with the Tribe and it's politics.

I have since discovered that if I as a Tribal Member do not vote, then I am allowing a handful of people to determine the future of my Tribe. Whether I agree with these decisions or not is irrelevant. I have given up my voice of opinion by being silent and not voting.

The point is, if you want to stop feeling powerless over the decisions that are being made about our future as a Tribe, then send in your ballot or stop by your area office and vote. It only takes five minutes, yet the results will affect you for many years to come.

SILETZ TRIBAL MEMBER
RENEE METCALF

P.S. I would also like to say Congratulations to Willie & Nathan for successfully completing their first term in college. Hang in there, guys!

To the Siletz Tribal Smokehouse Crew:

It's been real and mostly fun. Enjoy the time off until the remodel's done, Before you know it, back to work we'll be, So for now it's "see ya" to my STS Family.

I'll miss you guys,
WAB

TO: CLIFFTON ANDERSON
(BUTLER)
"January 29th"
Happy 7th Birthday, son. We Love You!

Love,
Dad & Mom

TO FRIENDS & RELATION,

We are writing the following letter to extend our eminent regards to the family and friends of our father, Robert E. Simmons, and also to those who arranged and assisted this cessation. We wish to apologize for the blatant disregard of mention for the unnamed directs, we do not know why this was so; but it is done. Just know that so long as our hearts beat in our chests, so long does our father live.

Thank You,
Jason & Levi Simmons

TO FRIENDS & RELATION,

There are no words that can express my heartfelt appreciation to the men and women of the Siletz Tribe who drummed and danced in Honor of my father at the Restoration Pow Wow. I can only say "Thank You", and hope there will come a day when I may give to each individual of the Tribe as a whole, a gift equal to the solace you have given me.

Levi A.V. Simmons/Sweet

**Congratulations to
Randy Fisher who
recieved a 4.0 in
classes of writing
and English Compos-
ition from OCCC in
Newport!**

Happy Birthday, Big Brother. I love you, Cliffy.

Love,
Tygem

All My Relations

I pray for all my
relations,
That they may soar as
high as eagles.

I pray for all my
relations,
They are in all walks
of life.

I pray for all my
relations,
That they may live a
good life, and
be strong, dance, drum,
pray, and live.

And so, I pray for all
my relations.

Darcy Jones