

TO THE EDITOR:

I regret that it is necessary to call attention to errors in the minutes of the November General Council as printed in the January Newsletter.

In my talk to the General Council, I did not state that the Council, "...mainly the Chair, had not listened to the advise of tribal members...". My criticism was direct to the chairperson of the Gaming committee, and to the Council as a whole for what I believe to be bad decision making resulting in the unrelented spending of some \$2 Million for lawyers, consultants, lobbyists, a coordinator and related expenses in pursuing the Salem site for gaming. Another \$2 Million then contracted for to pay for over-priced land, placing the tribe in unprecedented debt. I stand firmly by that observation.

Secondly, I did not say that "--I would have fired all of them (the council) a long time ago." What I did say was that "if this were a private corporation and you were the board of directors, all of you would have been fired a long time ago."

Further, I did not say that "Rosemary (Landis) was the only council person that had actually listened to what he (I) has had to say." Off the gaming issue, I was pointing out that council persons, once elected, made little or no effort to communicate with tribal members on issues at hand, and I said "Rosemary was the only member who has ever contacted me on tribal issues for input." Tapes of this meeting will bear this out. My statements were from prepared text, copies of which I retain, and as explained at the meeting, I would be using them in order to be misquoted later.

Accurate minutes are extremely important and can be called upon for use in the future after many of us are gone. They should not be published in a manner giving the reader the wrong information.

Extrapolation has its place when taken from tapes or notes for other purposes, but not when they are suppose to represent what actually was said and took place as minutes of a meeting.

Joe Lane Sr.

DEAR EDITOR:

As a tribal member, I have the right to give my opinion concerning the blood degree. Right now it is 1/8. I feel it should stay that way. If it goes to descendency, my husband should be just as qualified as every non-Indian getting on the roll. I am proud of my heritage and giving up my full benefits to non-Indians is against my rights.

As for the 1978 roll, why for one family? It's living a lie. We all know the truth. Would the Tribal Council do this for all families? Being a Siletz Tribal member and seeing how the Tribal Council runs everything is beyond belief. The Tribal offices are bursting at the seams, with high paid salary employees that have no education. No good services for Tribal members and sad but leaves nothing for the youths.

Sincerely,
Celeste Mann

THE FOLLOWING POEM IS DEDICATED TO RUSTY BUTLER, PAUL BROCK, AND JEREMY MASON:

Will we let the clouds of today block out the sunshine of tomorrow.

Lost we came to find nothing to direct our way, our Elders came from schools of cruelty, slandered was our name, taught to be ashamed of our braids, our girls were spanked to believe themselves lesser than the royal princess's of honorary pride that fill our men's hearts and eyes.

Will we let the clouds of today block out the sunshine of tomorrow.

Accusations against our sons and daughters are not new to those of us that are the descendants of the people of truth.

They try to make me not believe in you, my brothers, my sisters. They wish for me to turn my back on you, my sons, my daughters. They wish for me to be ashamed of you, my fathers, my mothers. They wish for me to forget the names of my grandfathers, the names of my grandmothers. Fresh is the dirt upon our people's graves. All the while we are willing to complain of each other as we turn further away from respect or honor almost lost to the meaning of love.

Will we let the clouds of today block out the sunshine of tomorrow.....

Robert Van Pelt

TO THE EDITOR:

I am filing an amended timesheet. When I checked on the candidate fairs and community meetings it was my understanding that Council was encouraged to attend them. However, Council's policy is to count time, travel and per diem only for those meetings in our own area. Those six meetings in Springfield, Salem and Siletz will be counted under my own time and adjustments will be made to my time sheets. Thanks to our excellent accounting department, Teresa Miller, and those diligent Tribal Members who read council time sheets. I'll see you next year at all of the candidate's fairs and community meetings.

Rosemary Breon Landis
Council Member



To Our Daughter Noel Butler:

Happy Valentine's Day, Be Mine (ours). We love you more than you'll ever know....

From your whole family, Mommy, Daddy Rory, Baby Rory & Ashley, your sissy.

A Valentine Greeting to a very special little girl, my granddaughter, Noel Butler.

A BIG hug and many kisses, Grandma Dotty loves you "Holy Bunches"

TO AUNT DELORES AND UNCLE OUCHIE:

Happy Anniversary, love ya....

LeiLani & Jack Cordova

GRAMPY,

Hope you have the best birthday ever!

Love,
Grampies girl,
Halona Rae

Happy Valentines day to my Valentines in Siletz: Grampy, Grammy, Auntie Rae, Uncle Reggie, and Auntie Shelly.

All My Love,
Halona Rae HOHOHO

Happy Valentines Day to our itty bitty sweetheart, Halona Rae.

All Our Love,
Mommy & Daddy

Happy Valentine's Day to my wife, Cindy Jean. I love you!

Love,
Your Husband,
Lee Butler

To the Kings & Queen of Johnson
May your reign bring you
Many kisses and candy
Happy Valentine's day to Pres, DJ, & Sissy
The Butlers

Happy Birthday with lots of love & kisses to
Halona Rae....
Grampy

To Chester Ben:
You R-loved & loved & loved
somemore....
By
You Know

Raeloni:

Happy Valentine's Day to my very special little honey! With lots of love forever and always,

Mommy

(late Valentines will be printed in the March Newsletter)