

Letters to the Editor...

TO THE EDITOR:

As a tribal member who lives outside of the Siletz area, I was happy to see the voter's pamphlet that was recently sent out.

In the past, I have been reluctant to vote and have had a difficult time deciding who to vote for simply because I knew little about the candidates running for Council. The recent voter's pamphlet has given me an opportunity to see the candidates viewpoints on issues, as well as gaining information on their backgrounds. I'll feel more comfortable deciding on who to vote for this term.

The Tribe has accomplished a great deal over the years, however, there are a few areas that concern me. These issues are: (1) better care for Elders (2) tribal positions being filled by non-tribal members (3) a general feeling of separation between tribal members and tribal government.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I am proud to be a Siletz tribal member, and I hope these issues will be looked at seriously.

Scott Downey

TO THE EDITOR:

I, Donita Free, as a Siletz Tribal member have been reading and keeping up with all that is happening with the new election and in reading these statements that they wrote and speak, I can hardly believe my eyes and ears! I believe that some of these new people that would like to run don't even know what they're getting themselves into. They say that they would like to see the Tribe come together as a Tribe, yet in the same breath or

sentence they bad mouth the ones that have been on Council that are Tribal Members.

To me, everyone can say and make all kinds of promises during election time, but we'll see if they can handle the reality when the time comes.

You people that always have a lot to say about Council during election or any other time, you can talk the talk, but can you walk the walk? We will see....

Siletz Tribal Member
Donita Free

TO THE EDITOR:

Hooray for Reggie Butler. He hit the proverbial nail on the head on all accounts!!!

You Tribal Council people should take heed. The membership voted you in they can vote you out of there just as easily.

This crap of making a resolution to lower the blood quantum down to two drops, is BUNK. You are either Indian or you are not. Plane and simple. At the rate our Tribe is going, we'll be known as the "white" Indians of Oregon.

So far as I know, Tribal Council, the Membership has voted to keep the blood quantum as is with the opportunity to increase, not decrease. So, your own resolution is quite invalid and illegal.

Council Members need to really make a commitment to serving the people of this Tribe.

We need to keep our blood lines strong. When you marry white, you decrease our Tribe's chance of survival.

Our people before us never had any love for the whites. They hated them with a passion.

We need to strive toward regaining our

language. Our language is our culture.

We need to get our hunting and fishing rights

back! It was taken away illegally. Get those rights back, then don't abuse them.

I want to be notified whenever the bones of our people are dug up. There should be an archaeological dig at sites where our people may have lived, camped, or even visited before construction is allowed. The so-called gaming facility included. The Logan Family lived at that site for years.

All you programs that use the Senior bus other than the Seniors: If that van was bought with even part federal money, you are out of compliance and stand to lose the van altogether. It was bought for Seniors only!

I'm sick and tired of seeing white people run our Tribe. The whites should be hired on as temps only, until our own people learn those positions.

Finally, I wish you folks on the Council, and the new ones, would pick up on what Reginald Butler Sr. has to say. We are destroying ourselves!

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(Editors Note: edited for length with permission.)

TO THE EDITOR:

As most of you are aware, the Sharon Butler Memorial Scholarship has been established through efforts of Ron Butler, the Portland law firm of Royce, Swanson, Thomas and Coon, and my own firm, Castle Investigations, with lots of help from Bob Tim and the Siletz Tribe. The fund is being administered by the Lincoln County Foundation and we've appreciated

the assistance and interest of Rex Krabbe, Foundation Secretary/Treasurer.

Currently the scholarship fund total is \$10,472.00. We hope to increase that amount to \$15,000 so as to maintain a self-sustaining fund which will pay \$1,000 per year to a tribal member from Lincoln County. The first scholarship award will be made in 1995.

We believe that this scholarship will be a lasting tribute to Sharon's memory, especially since children and education were such important parts of her life.

I'd like to ask each of you to consider making a small donation in Sharon's memory during this Christmas season. No amount should be considered too small. For a person who is remembered so fondly by so many who were recipients of her Christmas generosity, this is a way to now remember her and to continue her efforts to help people. Please join me in sending a contribution to: Sharon Butler Scholarship Fund, c/o Lincoln County Foundation, 8423 Yaquina Bay Rd., Newport, OR 97365.

If you have any questions, please call me (503) 444-2439; Attorney Ray Thomas (503) 228-5222; or Bob Tom (503) 390-9494.

I hope each of you has a joyful and peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely,
Grace Castle

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