

LETTERS

Dear Tribal Members:

Once again, we'll be voting for Tribal Council, if you remember last time, a council member said that we were using dirty politics.

I still didn't know what she meant, all I heard, saw and read was that people wanted a change in our tribal leadership, maybe for the first time, tribal council was answering questions, listening to our tribal people asking, "Why aren't you doing more for our people?"

With the gaming facility, what will happen to the revenues when Comstock is paid up, who will monitor the money?

Remember what happened at STEDCO and the bad decisions made with the forest management, when millions of dollars was lost, no one lost their jobs, no council member was forced to resign, it was like it meant nothing to them, when this money could have been used for our tribal members.

If tribal council could use the energy they used to lower the blood degree, we would be able to help all our tribal members with health, education, child care, etc. that some of our people have available to them now.

I would like to thank the 200 and more that voted no on lowering the blood degree. It showed that there are INDIANS still left in our tribe that cared who we are, whether you like it or not, blood degree is our identity.

As you listen to the council members that are rerunning for council and the ones that are for the first time or running again, listen to what they are saying, listen to what they are willing to do for our people, listen to what they are going to do for our future, listen to what they can offer of themselves for our people.

Our people make up the tribe, why is it that nothing is asked of us by our leaders? Will there be council members that will say, "When can our people speak and we'll listen?" Too much power for one person on council, our people should have the right to know what is going on, be a part or have input on the issues that affects us as a tribe.

So vote, vote on your own, not what someone tells you, but listen to the candidates and vote for the ones that will represent and remember the people, our tribal members.

William Stanley Strong
Tribal Member

AN OPEN LETTER TO SILETZ TRIBAL MEMBERS

During the past several years and up to the present, many people labored long and hard, overcoming major obstacles including the bureaucracy, politics, non-friendly State and community organizations and other constantly changing factors in order to create what we have today in Lincoln City--our own gaming facility.

While many contributed to this, the Tribels most significant economic development in history, the person who began the effort years ago and still perseveres in the development of the finest Indian Gaming facility and convention center in Oregon and possibly the entire West Coast, is Jessie Davis.

Since the convention center will be an integral and significant part of the permanent Chinook Winds gaming facility, I believe it would be appropriate for her fellow Tribal members

to honor her for this great accomplishment on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians by naming the convention center THE DAVIS CONVENTION CENTER.

I sincerely believe that Tribal members recognize this accomplishment and in their hearts--regardless of their personal political persuasions, believe it right and proper to recognize success over extremely difficult circumstances. She

has earned this honor, and we should now show our gratitude in so naming the new convention center.

Very Truly,
Joe Lane, Sr.

Dear Friends,

I would like to find any and all information possible on "Old Chief John" of the Applegates on the Rogue River. Also any information possible on his daughter, Kitty Metcalfe. I would be very interested in where these two people are buried.

I am trying to find this information as our family is related to Chief John. He would be my great-great- great grandfather through Kitty Metcalfe and her daughter Ellen. I have family photos of Ellen Metcalfe Gilliam.

I absolutely do not approve of what Robert Metcalfe did when he was the Indian agent at Siletz. It was the most deplorable thing that he could do. Also by taking his daughters away from their mother (Kitty) and telling them that she was dead was also despicable. If I remember right, one of her daughters found out later that she had lived for several years after that. Did she remarry and have another family? What happened to her? I have the family history for all three daughters: Ellen, Winnifred and Mary if anyone would be interested in it.

Thank you very much for your time.

An Indian sister,
Reva J. Moen

The Depoe Family,

My many thanks to the Depoe family for the give away in honor of Chief Depoe at the Siletz Pow Wow.

I felt graced to be a part of the give away.

I pass this grace and honor on by what has been given to me, and that is; the strength, wisdom and humor of Chief William Depoe.

We all love him.

I ask the Creator for a continuing productive life for both Chief Depoe and Princess White Lily.

A friend,
Aretha

**Tribal Constitutions are
available at the Tribal
Center.**

*Dad,
Missing and
loving you every
day. You're forever
in my heart. Happy
Birthday, November
25.*

*Love Always &
Forever,
Wendy*

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