

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who worked to make the 1999 pow-wow a success. If you overlook some off-and-on weather conditions, the event was very enjoyable.

I would especially like to thank the Pow-Wow Committee: Kelley Ellis, chairman, Delina John, Selina Kissinger, Laura Bremner, Jack McCord, and Keith Taylor, along with Craig Whitehead, the tribal representative. These people worked hard to make sure that everything went smoothly. They all seemed to be everywhere and pitched in to help wherever they could.

Thank you to Kitti Hostler, who cooked the fish. She and her assistants, Sage Butler, Adam Downey, and Daniel Brown, received many compliments on the good-tasting fish. There sure wasn't any left at the end of the day.

Thank you to the committee and all the workers.

Gerald Ben
Tribal Council Representative

To the editor:

What exactly does, "With gaming revenue allocated to finance tribal government operation, timber monies have become available for distribution to tribal members" mean? I don't know about you but for me this is an insult to my intelligence!

You (Delores Pigsley) have been a key tribal representative now for several years, please act like one.

A \$100 yearly distribution check is a disgrace to those you represent. I can't even believe you had the audacity to send a letter with a check of this nature out to your brother and sister tribal members in this manner.

Please tell me that this extremely small fiber of a carrot hanging on a thimble of a string is not all that is to be expected out of a multimillion-dollar tribal operation?

If it is, then maybe it's time for some new key tribal council players.

Sincerely,
Marion Smith

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To the editor:

Some more things to think about.
Hello again my people,

In my last letter to the editor, I showed how the general manager's position was set up for one person, the tribal chairperson's niece. If you will notice, in the same paper, they have finally advertised for an assistant GM. Please notice also that they require the applicant to have "... a bachelor's degree in business administration, community development or a similar field." And yet, for the GM position, they only asked for a B.A. diploma. Oh well, at least they went through the motions.

And guess what? I hear that they refused an interview to a person with a **doctorate** in business administration.

I guess my point is, these people were voted in (although most of them were appointed) to act in the best interests of the tribe. I wonder who is scheduled for the assistant GM? I am sure they have someone picked already.

Isn't it funny how all of the tribal council's family are turning up in all the responsible positions, both in the tribal administration and the casino?

Calvin Gantenbein is back as tribal chief judge, clearly his reward for overturning Judge Viles' recall decision. And our old friend, attorney Craig Dorsay, is back. Along with another old friend, attorney Leroy Wilder. If you recall, Mr. Wilder was the attorney for Ross-Simmons when the contract between them and the tribe was done. And Mr. Dorsay was the tribe's attorney. According to a previous tribal CPA, that contract will end up costing the tribe about \$2 million.

I would hope that sometime in the near future, something can be done for our people who return home for a visit and get ill while here. It would seem that some sort of a fund could be set up for that purpose. After all, we all know there are millions of bucks in the IHS accounts. Seems it can be "dipped into" for other things, huh Dee?

Clifford W. Case, Sr.

Deadline for the November newsletter is Oct. 10. Photos are encouraged. Everyone loves to see photos of events, tribal members, and especially babies. Don't forget those birthday or anniversary wishes for loved ones.

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