

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

This is being written to ask that you publish this letter acknowledging three local youth who have just successfully completed attending our Native Warriors Guardians of Tomorrow's Youth Speaking Panel.

This youth speaking panel is an award-winning project aimed at deterring Native and non-Native youth from criminal thinking and substance abuse, the things that would lead them to our fate. Participants must attend four sessions before graduation, but they are more than welcome to continue attending after graduation.

Groups that we work with include the schools from the Lincoln County School District, the Native American Youth Association (NAYA) of Portland, Nanitch Sahallie Youth Treatment Center in Salem, the Warm Springs Police Department, and the Warm Springs Children's Protection Services.

This program is sponsored by the Lakota Oyate Ki circle in the walls of OSP and has been reaching out to youth since 1995.

The three young relatives that we would like to honor are Doyle Green, Brandon Halburg, and Kyle Towner. All are students at the Siletz Middle School in Siletz, Ore. As part of their graduating, they each received a certificate of completion and this letter to their local newspaper.

For more information about this vital program, please contact us by leaving a message at 503-378-4207, faxing us at 503-373-1008, or by writing to:

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Steve Zelinka, Staff Advisor  
2605 State Street  
Salem, OR 97310-0505

In Spirit,

Gary Hutchinson, Director NYGTY  
Manuel Mose, Chief, Lakota Oyate Ki

To the editor:

I would like to congratulate Rusty Butler on his "new residence," on behalf of numerous family and friends who remain "freedomly challenged." Your new life is hard won, culminating from many years of struggle.

Your abilities are many, your gifts unlimited. Your new life offers much promise. May your successes continue to be numerous.

The torch of freedom has been passed on to you to light the way for your Tillicum coming along behind you. Prepare the way for your brother who is soon to join you.

Continue to conquer...  
Alan T. Kentta

To the editor:

I'm writing to say thanks for showing me my cousin Nathaniel of the family of the Halls. Natasha Hall is my cousin and Nathaniel's new mom; Steve Hall, Brandon Hall, auntie Trutty Hall are all in my heart.

I'm separated from them because, unfortunately, I'm in prison. I just wanted to make a request and have you put my address and SID number in the paper so they can have access to it or you can nicely and generously send me my cousin's address so I can be in contact with my family. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Joshua Hall  
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To the editor:

Thank you for this time. Would like to reflect on the past, the year 1941 right here at Siletz, to give honor where honor is due.

Abraham and Aurilla Tom stand out in my memory. They were very good friends of our family. So the time was nearing for the strawberry harvest and they were going to Gresham, Ore., this spring. The days were long until the big day when we would finally leave from Siletz.

Abe, Mr. Tom, drove us all the way up there. It was so much fun. We arrived at camp about 12 miles from Portland, Ore. Aurilla was such a wonderful cook and she made food I had never tasted before. Chili beans our dear mother did not make; we just had really good boiled beans. Our days in the field were in-between showers.

Of course, we made lots of money. The first weekend there we all went to town, which was Gresham, Ore. To our great surprise, there was a bond rally and the guest star was the Oregon Victory Girl, Jane Powell. She captivated us with her beautiful voice. Later on, she signed on with a movie company.

Now this has been 60 years ago. Oh! I haven't told the good part. Abe, Mr. Tom, came to visit us or his family, and I had been having a time being away from my loved ones. So Aurilla said Abe, you will have to take Marty home. So very happily, we were on our way back to Siletz.

I would like to say that Aurilla and Abraham were the greatest parents. Mr. Tom was always so happy no matter what the circumstance, likewise his wife. They stand out in my heart and mind as real great; also, their children are great people. God bless each one of them in a special way.

Thank you,  
Martha Lockhart

## LETTERS, DEADLINES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

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