

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

Council, CTSI, staff, friends, and family ...

I would like to thank all of you for the cards and well wishes on my retirement.

Council, thank you for the beautiful Pendleton blanket.

Judy Muschamp and Sharon Edenfield (former bosses) for the beautiful Pendleton handbag and clutch purse.

Rose, Brenda Bremner and Judy Imbler, Lane, Samuel, and Hattie for the money.

Portland area office staff for the begonia plant and luncheon.

Connie James for the mug and other gifts.

Geneva Johnson for the basket of bath essence and glass rosebud.

Doris Riding In, Kay Steele, Marcie Taylor, and Lisa Brown for the beautiful bead-and-dentalium necklaces.

Craig Whitehead and his staff for the black hooded sweatshirt.

Janet Dair and George Nagle for the planter box filled with candy, tea, soup fixings, and a pottery mug.

Selene Rilatos Lynch for the relaxation sound spa (I will use it when I'm ready to stay home and relax).

Nancy McCrary for the beaded pen.

Wazzy, Lori, Brandon, Ami, and Casee for the flowers.

My birthday was so close to retirement day that I would like to thank my children and their families for the wonderful dinner (they always have something special) and gifts. A special thanks to my nieces and their families,

who never forget me on my birthday, Mother's Day, and Christmas. Also my sister, Nancy.

Randy Butler and family for the Pendleton purse.

Debbie Williams and Violet Lafferty Moore – thanks for the card and gifts you have given to me in the past and present years.

Thank you to the Accounting and CHS staff for always taking time to help me and answer my questions or just listening to me. Also Judy and Sharon.

I'm so grateful for the Forestry crew. **Even though I always knew you weren't a wood-cutting program**, you always made time throughout the year to cut and deliver wood to the elders. Thank you so much for your love and concern for them.

Children with elder parents who have wood stoves – please get out and help the Forestry staff when they have a special wood cutting day. I have helped in all of them.

Elders, it was my pleasure serving you. God bless each one of you and all of the CTSI staff.

Elouise Case

Elders dentalium necklace class – I would like to thank Bud Lane for teaching and doing the leather wrapping on the necklaces. He also made matching earrings to go with them. Bud, I felt privileged to have you teach us. Thanks and God bless you.

To the editor:

I wanted to say congratulations to my son, Tristan, for getting MVP at the Clifford Case Memorial All-Indian Youth Tournament on March 22-23. You played great, son, and you deserved the MVP award. Also to Casee and Zack for all-stars, and Mariah for hustling, all you fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-graders for being **champions**.

I watched all teams play on Saturday and Sunday. I was glad and proud to be available to help. The Case family did a great job and so did the residents. I had peace inside my heart

To the editor:

Down here on the Oregon Coast, crab season has come and gone. I have always hoped that our tribal elders would have a really good crab feed. I also heard that there are a lot of tribal women who have said that they make the **best fry bread** in the world. So next year, the tribe should put on a feed for our elders.

Now, I understand that there are a couple of eel men who work for the tribe. I have a question. Let's say that I, Royce Strong, do not know anything about an eel. Now, what I would like you guys to try to do is: 1) somehow get some eels; 2) put on a class on how to do an eel (show what it looks like, how to gut, does it have bones, can you cook them – fry, bake, roast, or microwave).

If you smoke them, what type of brine, dry, or water, and what spices would you use? How long would you smoke

to see and feel unity amongst our tribe that I haven't seen or felt in a long time. I think I felt that when I was very young and my dad was playing softball – all tribal.

I want to also say thanks to Wazzy for coaching these kids, especially my son. That goes along with **all** my son's coaches, his gramp, his uncle, and his dad. Thank you guys so much. I love you all for that.

Thanks,
Jenifer Metcalf



them, hours or days? This way, our tribal members and I can learn about eels.

What I'm saying is that down on the Smith River when they are hooking eels, our tribe should have someone there and bring some back and show and **teach** us. I remember that Tom Downey was an eel man, now Stan van de Wetering. So when you ever get some eels, **teach** us. This class should be held at the tribal community center.

One other thought – I know when people sit on Tribal Council, they really go through a lot because my father went through a lot. I know that you cannot make everybody happy.

As for the tribal chairman, this person would get it from everywhere. This reminds me of a Timex watch (can take a licking and keep on ticking). This is stated in a good way. Keep your mind clean.

Royce Strong

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