

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

There is something that has been bothering me and I would like to tell this to **all** tribal members. We are so **very** lucky to get all the things we do from our tribe.

Computers, free medical and dental care, free medicine, financial assistance (if needed), USDA program (if needed), housing, schooling, etc. And not the least of which is the per capita payment we just got!

Do you all know how lucky we are?! So many tribes cannot provide anything for their members. We have come so far and have so much to be thankful for. And as we all get our per capita checks, I think that we need to remember that it's thanks to Mr. (Jim) Kikumoto at Chinook Winds that our

checks are increasing! He does an excellent job!

While we may not always agree with what our Tribal Council does, at least they are doing what benefits the tribe. We can't always see the big picture, but we are **all** reaping the benefits!

And our elders – **ohmygosh**, they are treated very well by the tribe! For example, my mom gets things she needs promptly – rides, necessities for her home, trips, etc. As a kid, remembering when our tribe was restored, not much was provided by the tribe. My children now have great opportunities, thanks to the tribe. We have sure come a long way.

So instead of complaining about what we "think" we're **not** getting, how about us being grateful for all we **do** get?

Grateful tribal member,  
Cindy Jackson

To the editor:

If there was a reason for tomorrow, the reflection of cultural camp and our pow-wow rekindle each year the importance of where we come from, our present commitments, and our goals for tomorrow. The only way to get there is together.

Respectfully,  
Eva E. Clayton



To the editor:

I just want to say thanks to all the elders who called and were concerned when my Dad was in his car accident. We sure appreciated it. We are lucky to still have him with us. Please pray for his recovery.

Cindy Jackson

To the editor:

My name is Kyle Mason. I am a Siletz Tribal member currently incarcerated in MacLaren.

I'm writing this letter in regards to our upcoming pow-wow and the support of our incarcerated people. We have an upcoming pow-wow here at MacLaren and we could really use dancers and singers. I believe it's important that we support our people who are in the system. I've seen a lot of young men come though here without any support from the outside community. To me, that's saying they're not important or they're forgotten. We need to remember our people inside the walls and support and help them.

So I'm asking from my heart for dancers, singers, and any other people who would like to come out and support to come out. For anyone who wishes to come out, you can contact our Native American Coordinators John Fraser or Mathew Potete at 1-503-981-2501. The pow-wow is on Sept. 7 and the address is 2630 N. Pacific Highway, Woodburn, OR 97071.

All dancers and singers can get in and anyone else should contact John or Mathew.

Thank you.  
Kyle Mason

*Editor's note: Please see information about the MacLaren Pow-Wow on page 15.*

To the editor:

I couldn't go another day to express my thanks for all who came to my wedding on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July. My mother, aunts, uncle, bother, sisters, my kids, and cousins – you all mean a lot to me.

Most I want to thank my Uncle Junior for coming all the way from National City, Calif., for standing up for me. Last but not least, thank you, brother-in-law Steve Cearley, for marrying Evelyn and I.

Thank you all.  
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lane  
(T-bird)



Members of the Lane family at Norman and Evelyn's wedding

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