

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Shane "Two-Feathers" Martin and his drum

To the editor:

I would like to express my gratitude to the Dancing Again Singers and to Reggie Butler Jr.

I have been working on my drum for the last three years, having finished the physical construction only a few days before the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow. The final and most important step, being drummed by my brothers and sisters of the Siletz Nation, was all that remained.

I contacted Reggie and on short notice, he agreed to have the Dancing Again Singers drum during the pow-wow. This was an emotional and spiritual experience for me.

I wish to thank all who helped me with this final step. This experience will be one of the most cherished of my memories.

Eternally grateful,
Shane "Two-Feathers" Martin



To the editor:

I am asking for your support in my decision to run for a position on our 2006 Tribal Council.

There are so many important issues that need attention, to name a few: clinic health care (traditional/holistic), out-of-service-area benefits.

Tribal Council term limit, tribal gaming – remand policy prohibiting presence of tribal members at board of directors (BOD) meeting, conflict for Tribal Council to serve as casino BOD, abstinence/sobriety when representing our tribal operations/government while in travel status.

Housing services/programming for residents, fair/equitable application of tribal policies and disciplinary action, real-time broadcast of Tribal Council meetings with seven-day online response to questions from membership via Internet Web site, economic development.

No comps for serving as casino BOD (tickets, etc.) as this can influence election voting, law enforcement, transitional programming (prison/jail) for men, elders care facility.

Ensure we follow our Tribal Constitution ... "Promote our cultural and religious beliefs" (#3); "Help our members achieve their highest potentials in education, physical and mental health, and economic development" (#4); "Insure that our people shall live in peace and harmony among themselves and with all other peoples" (#8).

We need to be proactive to address illegal drug use and addiction plaguing our members.

Tribal Council members should have a term limit. Creation of a separate entity to serve as board of directors for ca-



Miss Haskell, Tiffany Stuart; Billy Mills; and Haskell Brave, Elliott Bryant

To the editor:

After being crowned Miss Haskell in May 2005, I knew I would have a busy year ahead of me.

This summer while in Siletz, I had the privilege of attending the Siletz Memorial Day Celebration, Pi-Ume-Sha Warm Springs Pow-Wow, Grand Ronde Veteran's Pow-Wow, and the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow. I would like to thank my Aunt Val and Uncle Larry Hibdon for opening their home to me.

When I came back to Haskell after the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow, I had the chance to speak to the Haskell College freshman class. I was the master of ceremonies for the freshman orientation event.

Haskell Brave Elliott Bryant (Navajo), and I have attended seven events since we have been back in Kansas. The events are as follows: Sac and Fox Pow-Wow, Indian Council of Many Nations Pow-Wow, Billy Mills speaking on the Haskell campus, Haskell Game Night, Haskell Indian Art Market, Haskell Convocation, and Haskell Welcome Back Pow-Wow.

We also are attending Haskell Student Senate meetings, University Council meetings, and then our respective club meetings. We have been working hard at the Haskell Food Booth Concession Stand, where 10 percent of the profit from

each concession stand we work is put into the Haskell Royalty account.

We are fund-raising for the Miss Haskell and Haskell Brave Pageant in April 2006. We will work about 10 football games this semester if weather permits.

Events this fall semester that I am scheduled to attend are as follows: Haskell Boxing Tournament (Oct. 1); National Indian Education Association Conference in Denver, Colo. (Oct. 5-9); Haskell homecoming events (Oct. 17-21); Haskell Halloween carnival (Oct. 31); Haskell honor roll assembly (Nov. 16); Haskell fall graduation; and all the respective campus meetings.

Please take the time to pray for Haskell Brave Elliott Bryant and me for safety during our travels and our academics.

Thanks to my parents – Thomas and Marlene Stuart, Heidi Hibdon (cousin), Lynette Hibdon (cousin, AKA Tiffany's photographer), Melvin Ashue, Mike Wisdom, and Elliott Bryant for the support you all have given to me so far in my reign as Miss Haskell.

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sino, with **no compensation** to be received by members of this entity is needed!

The development of the **Lincoln City housing project** is long overdue! I am so disappointed that a decision was made to **expand the golf course over housing for tribal members!**

Ensure tribal member casino employees are treated with respect and rights due as per our Tribal Constitution (right to attend spiritual/cultural events). No blood quantum decrease until we are economically stable.

Provide direct access for tribal members to council meetings via Web cam, with ability to ask and have questions answered in a timely manner.

It is my opinion that our tribal organization has failed to be consistent in enforcing policies. I long for a time when

we were honest in our representation of the facts.

When we make mistakes, we should be upfront and accountable for those actions, rather than keeping it "confidential." If we make a mistake, we can make a choice to admit, deny, or cover it up. When we are open and honest, we can ask for help and support to find a solution. That kind of behavior is commendable.

Please know that I am committed to being available and welcome questions or feedback you may have regarding my position on these subjects.

Respectfully,
Lisa Brown, great-granddaughter of Christine Selsic-Martin; grandparents – Marge Martin-Lane/Henry Picard
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