

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

Our Siletz Tribal people called me to come and bless the acquisition of the 18-hole golf course in Lincoln City. I accepted and came up with my daughter, Nadine Martin.

I didn't want to do this around all the people who came that day, but to do the blessings in a quiet way. I blessed the golf course from the four directions and came back and blessed the golf course office.

What an honor it is to serve our people in this spiritual way. I thank our Creator in the strides our tribe has come over the years.

Thanks to all.

Agnes Baker-Pilgrim



To the editor:

Waldport Junior League Baseball would like to thank the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for their generous donation to our summer sports program.

WJLB was nearly to the point of dissolving due to several years of mismanagement. A new group of volunteers took over the program for the 2005 season.

The fantastic efforts of fund-raising and obtaining local sponsorships, combined with the generous grant from the Siletz contribution fund, allowed the program to take a giant leap in the right direction. WJLB was able to purchase much-needed equipment, fabulous uniforms, supplies to maintain the ball fields, and supplies to finish the construction of the league's concession stand.

The program had over 125 children ages 4-12 participating in the 2005 season, which was over double from the previous year.

WJLB would also like to thank all the local business that donated money and supplies to our program. A special thanks to all the volunteers who donated their time and efforts to make our 2005 program a success.

Without the Siletz Tribal grant, our season would not have been nearly as successful. Thank you for supporting and caring about our local youth.

Thanks again,

Darby Mabe

WJLB President

To the editor:

My name is Fredrick Hostler and I am a Siletz Tribal elder. Recently my wife and I had the pleasure of going on our first outing with the elders to Mt. Hood.

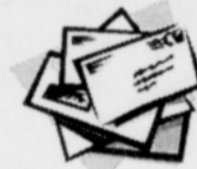
We spent the night in a hotel and the next day went on the Mt. Hood Brunch Train Ride. We just want to compliment **Angela Ramirez** for the outstanding job she did to pull this together.

We could see that it takes a lot of planning for something to come off as smooth as it did and we just want to publicly say **thank you** for all the effort you put into this trip. We had a wonderful time.

Thank you, Angela.

Respectfully

Fred and Ann Hostler



To the editor:

It's been a pleasure being Miss Haskell 2005-2006. Since being crowned this past May, I have attended 65 events so far. Among these are pow-wows; conferences; Haskell activities; Student Senate, University Council, and Homecoming Committee meetings; and Pageant 2006 fund-raising events.

I'd like to thank my parents, Thomas and Marlene Stuart, for sponsoring my trip to the Miss NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) Pageant in Tulsa, Okla. (approximately \$300). Thanks to Tim Stuart, Lynette Hibdon, Melvin Ashue, Heidi Hibdon, Mike Wisdom, Rich Wisdom, Jake Wisdom, and Haskell Brave - Elliott Bryant - for helping me. All of you have done countless things for me as Miss Haskell that I can never repay.

A highlight of this semester was attending the NIEA (National Indian Education Association) Conference in Denver, Colo. I made it a personal goal to attend this conference. I saved about \$1,000 just for myself to attend (ending cost approximately \$1,300).

To the editor:

To all our tribal members,
I want to share with you what happened to me over the weekend when I decided to go to a Catholic rummage sale.

I was browsing the tables and looked down to see a Chinook Winds blue coffee mug. I was so excited.

When I took it up to pay for it, the woman asked me why I was so excited. I told her it was wonderful to know someone clear from Doniphan, Missouri, went to our casino. The woman corrected me and said oh you mean you went to that casino for a visit.

I told her **no**, our tribe owns the casino. And she corrected me again and said you mean you visited the casino too.

I told her again **no**, as in we own it. I am a Siletz Indian. She got more excited than I. She said how wonderful to be a part of something so big. I told her yes, I

was very proud of our tribe and we have come a long way.

So someone tell Chinook Winds their advertising is paying off. We are known clear back here in Missouri!

Sincerely

Angella Robertson



To the editor:

To tribal members and Tribal Council, We (Scott family) **do not** support the Aaron Bennett family in his case. There were false statements made at a Regular Tribal Council meeting in September, stating that we as Tyrone's family supported them.

Yvonne Scott



ing that Haskell students need to be exposed to Native American arts.

Highlights for next semester, Spring 2006, include attending the AIHEC (American Indian Higher Education Consortium) Conference in Green Bay, Wis. (March); preparing for the Miss Haskell and Haskell Brave Pageant (April); preparing for my giveaway (May); and attending Haskell events (welcome back pow-wows, convocation, scholarship ceremony, basketball games, plays, giving tours, graduations, etc.).

I have truly enjoyed representing Haskell Indian Nations University, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and my family. Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers. I pray that our God above will bless the next half of my reign as Miss Haskell.

If you would like me to attend an event or would like to sponsor me to attend an event, please contact me at tiffany.stuart@haskell.edu. God bless!

Hvm'chi

Tiffany Stuart

Miss Haskell 2005-2006

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