

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

First of all, I would like to say how proud I am of these two young women, Darian Dorman, Jr. Miss Siletz, and Clarinda Black, Little Miss Siletz. You two are doing a terrific job on holding your title.

Together we have accomplished seven events. I look forward to the upcoming events and ongoing year with you girls. Keep up the good work!

I would also like to thank Delina John, Felicia Carmona, and Auntie Selene Rilatos for supporting and guiding us at these events.

Respectfully,
Tasha Rilatos
Miss Siletz 2005-2006



To the editor:

Our families, the Bennetts, and Froggie's brother and sisters would like to thank all of those who helped prepare and serve food at our sister's, wife's, mom's memorial dinner when she passed.

The praises for people who reached out and helped at a time of a family's loss are beyond words for thankfulness. It meant a lot to our family. Thank you so much for each and every one of you.

And a very special thanks also to the drummers and singers, Selene, and Dino. Dino, you've always been there when our family was in need of your help.

From the Bennett family; Froggie's brother Leonard and sisters Boo, Dottie, and Sissi; and the rest of our family



To the editor:

I would like to thank the people for their prayers. Without your prayers, I would not be here.

I had myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure, renal dysfunction, and respiratory failure.

I do believe in the power of prayer, with my mom, Elouise, and Aunt Joan and Sylvia stopping in Corvallis to pray for me, people at churches, at home and native way. I appreciate your prayers.

I had polio; a virus the doctor couldn't identify, all he did was shake my mom's hand and say "Good luck," and we went home; pneumonias at a young age; a fractured foot, ankle, collarbone when thrown out the back window in a rollover; diabetes; years of feet ulcers and infections; bone infection; amputation; shingles; coronary artery disease; postoperative methicillin-resistant staphylococcus

aureus infection of the sternum; pneumonia; fractured arm; torn rotator cuff; early stage of kidney disease; dialysis; myocardial infarction; congestive heart failure; renal dysfunction; and respiratory failure.

Doctors thought I wouldn't walk, sent me home from the hospital with pneumonia because there wasn't anything else they could do. Said that I shouldn't have survived the heart and sternum surgeries and might not make it this time.

When doctors gave up, my parents didn't. I will always believe in prayer. I am very thankful I have Christian parents.

Again, I thank you for your prayers, those who visited me in Corvallis, and those who sent me postcards, especially from the elders.

I am thankful and will always appreciate a prayer.

With respect,
William Stanley Strong

To the editor:

Dear tribal members,

I would like to announce my candidacy for the upcoming 2006 tribal election. My name is Shannon Case.

I'm the daughter of Clifford Case Sr. and Elouise Butler Case. My maternal grandparents are Alton I. Butler and Ella Brown Butler-Simmons and paternal grandparents are Clifford Case and Florence Underwood from the Yakima Tribe.

I feel I have knowledge to offer as a Tribal Council member. In my employment and service work with the tribe, I've learned a lot, most of all my empathy for our people's needs are very important and warranted. I would like a chance to help make a difference.

As an employee for 16 years, I worked in the Contract Health Department in Siletz. Before that, I worked for the Grand Ronde Tribal Health Clinic and the Chemawa Indian Health Clinic in Salem.

I served as a Siletz Indian Housing Commissioner for seven years, 1992-1999; two years I served as chairman, from 1997-1999; and served as the Resident Organization chairman from 1999-

2002. I also served on the Budget Committee for one year.

In my service work with the Housing Department, I wanted to be involved in my community and help with the housing needs of our people. I was very dedicated and worked well with other people.

I am asking for your support in the upcoming 2006 election. Thank you for your time, don't forget to vote in February.

Thank you,
Shannon Case



To the editor:

Thank you to everyone concerned for bringing us wood from the elders woodcut and for stacking it so carefully - Natural Resources Department, Angela Ramirez, whoever cut it, and whoever brought it to our house. It will make for a wonderful Christmas!

Jean and Homer Garrett



Joseph Brandt-Sagraves and Felicia Carmona at the Siletz community Christmas party

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