

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

Dear Tribal Elders,

After two months of Angela telling me, yes we will be delivering wood, finally on Jan. 4 I called again and she told me there was one load left and I would have to go and get it myself. And guess what, it was "all water soaked." So much for the Elders Program.

Thanks,

Blanche Downey

To the editor:

I would like to say thanks for the good work that was done in my home – many thanks to Ricky Bayya, Pete Davis, Robert Smith, and Terry Fisher. I really appreciate what you all did. Thanks again!

Maxine Rilatos

P.S. I'm so glad you're back, Terry Fisher!

I would like to say thank you to Frank Simmons and Leith St. Onge for being so thoughtful. Hope you both have nice holidays.

Kathy (Tiny) Rilatos

To the editor:

When Tribal Council started making the enhancements to the casino, they should've made the highly attractive appearance (just like the postcard/all lights on) mandatory and much higher on the list. This is on the list, isn't it?

Does an attractive appearance of the casino mean anything to our Tribal Council? How about the Tribal Council candidates? You need to speak up because it's time to vote.

In the meantime, could someone down at the casino please fix and turrnn ooon the liiiights? Thanks!

Respectfully,

Woody Muschamp

To the editor:

There can be no assuming that others have our best interest at heart. This does not mean we need to run around looking over our shoulder. If we do not use our money wisely, others will gladly use it unwisely.

Complexity is not always the answer. An efficiency expert looks for productivity with appropriate checks and balances that have no conflict of interest to restrict the flow.

Conflicts of interest muddy the waters and often throw up smoke screens. Unfortunately, those who try to be at all places can take on the resemblance like that of a dog running in a circle while chasing its tail.

I feel our Tribal Council needs to be well-defined, with balanced responsibilities.

I feel our council needs to fill their positions independently, productively while working as team players for a greater cause.

I believe we are pulling at odd ends and the old divide and conquer is slowing us down. We have so much we need to accomplish and we don't have another generation to waste.

It is easy to sit back and criticize; this is not my intent. I have great respect for those who put themselves out there on the line.

It is my responsibility as a tribal member to add, not distract. If I have issues, conduct myself properly, address these issues where appropriate, follow through, and move on.

Voting is a positive step in the right direction. Want a voice, vote.

Respectfully,

Eva E. Clayton

Tribal Council Elections



You may vote absentee by mailing in your ballot.

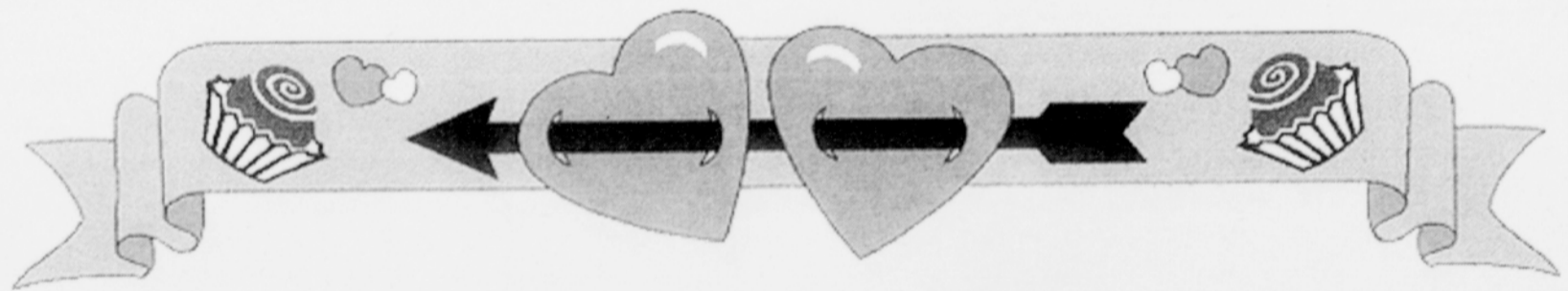
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OR

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Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley presents the tribe's annual timber revenue check to Lincoln County Commissioner Don Lindly. The \$30,940.27 check brings the total amount of timber revenue paid to the county to \$1,271,591.78.



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