

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

I would like to thank everyone for their kindness and help during the loss of my Dad, Richard "Bumpa" Strickler. Words can't explain how much I appreciate what you did for me.

A special thanks to Bumpa's Siletz Boys - Chris, Tad, Tod, Ricky & Ronnie and Neighbor Dan for being pall bearers. Thanks to Sheila (I knew you could do it Jane), Judy, Wendy and Darlene for the dinner afterwards. Thank you Dan Lundy for the service - it was appropriate.

Thank you Lenford for helping me take care of my Dad when he needed that extra help. Thanks Aunt Sandy, Sister Ann and Dan for being there when I needed you most.

If I've forgotten anyone specific, please know that I appreciate everyone's thoughts and helpfulness. When you read this, give that special someone a hug as life is too short. Appreciate your loved ones while they're here today as tomorrow may never come.

Sheryl Simmons



To the editor:

This article is in reference to the General Council meeting that was held August 4, 2007, in where a tribal member made a motion that passed to stop a person from speaking. In this instance, there was no time limit and I believe our Tribal Council should have stepped in and done the proper thing by letting her continue speaking of her concerns.

Motions should never be used to shut down free speech. If they were to be used for that purpose, then no one would be allowed to speak at General Council or public meetings. Was that the purpose - to intimidate, discourage, and shut down free speech for future tribal members? If so, it is not going to work. This could come within the bounds of civil rights regarding free speech.

Civil rights are legal rights guaranteed by the US Constitution and were

To the editor:

We would like to say how beautiful our new Habitat for Humanity home is. We will enjoy living in it for many years to come. We get the pleasure of landscaping the yard and around the wetland.

Many thanks to all the businesses who partner with Habitat for Humanity for the donation of materials and time to our home.

We can't forget all the volunteers who work for Habitat who made it happen. Special thanks to the ones who donate money and time. You all have made a dream come true for us.

Thank you so very much.

Chris and Kathy Kirkpatrick

Editor's note: Please see a photo of Chris and Kathy on page 7.



extended to Tribal Constitutions by the passing in Congress of the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968. The reason for a specific Indian Civil Rights Act is because others and Congress were concerned about justice on Indian Reservations. Even though there were, and still are, many well-managed Tribal Governments, some Tribal Governments were thought and some known to be tyrannical, thus, another good reason for Congress to pass an Indian Civil Rights Act.

These civil rights belong to all persons, Indian or not, living in or merely visiting a reservation, and include rights that limit the right of Tribal Government to pass or enforce laws restricting the free exercises of religion, free speech, the press, or the rights to assemble and to petition governments.

Rose Kentta

To the editor:

Please allow this to be an open letter to Tribal Council and to all members of our tribe. And special appreciation and love to Loraine Butler, Council Lady, extraordinaire.

Sorry to say, the "word" did not get out to membership about the language class in the Tututni dialects of our people's words during the Culture Camp, July 17-19.

I especially apologize to my uncle, Eddie Collins, for not bringing him along with me. It rained all three days and it would just be too much for him. I had proposed the classes to last for four hours. The classes were all day long.

I would like to here and now propose a class be held next year in the summer, one week in duration, four hours per day, on Government Hill, to teach our Tututni language separate from the Culture Camp, and with plenty of notification to the people who wish to attend.

There were 12 people in attendance for this first session and it was a big success. During the dinner on the last day, these people stood up in front of everybody and gave a formal greeting to all, saying their names and saying they spoke in the Tututni language. For only being three days old in the language - these people did an outstanding job. Shows you what a little dedication can do.

And so, my thanks to the Tribal Council and in particular Loraine Butler, for her speaking on my behalf. Also to Lillie Butler for calling me, notifying me to be in attendance.

And finally to the membership - I have dedicated the rest of my life to this language. It is my desire to hear our people speaking Tututni once more. As well as the other dialects that our people spoke.

Thanks to all.

Gilbert Towner

To the editor:

Jalla (Hello).

Enjoyed Culture Camp, grandson Neil and I, and rest of our family gang. Good cultural camp projects, helpful staff.

Third tepee out back, you know, next to the comfort station. Mr. Towner, I had to send out a search party to find you. But I am glad I located the Tututni language class tepee (cedar plank house).

Right from the get-go, you grabbed our attention. Your class material wonderful! Your visual language disc a real archival tool.

My mother (an honored elder) sat and listened to your language disc. Her comment, "This is what I remember when my mother and grandmother would visit." Your soft sing-song teeter-totter monolog. Mother was at class the next day.

Mr. Towner, Gilbert, if I might be so bold. A once-a-year cram it Tututni language course is a bit harsh! I believe the people and the powers that might be need to negotiate a schedule. Whereupon you visit with your Tututni language class on a more regular basis.

Tribal Council, Tribal members, I believe a most honored gentleman visited Culture Camp this year. (Gilbert Towner). Soft-spoken linguist of our Tututni ancestors.

I found him to be archival, an individual who bridges the gap from our past, leading us to the future. An heirloom of catastrophic dynamics. A rich treasure trove that backbones the fundamental foundation of our stability. I personally feel Mr. Towner needs to be more utilized. Cementing the Tututni tribal language in future cultural restructuring. I truly believe Mr. Towner is a natural resource that needs to be implemented within the building blocks of our tribal foundation. A steadfast positive light of energy. I believe generations to come will bask in the glow of Gilbert's enlightenment.

Shi Gu She (my name)

Eva E. Clayton

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