

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



To the editor:

The Olalla Center in Toledo would like to thank the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians for the generous donation of \$9,500 toward the roof repair at the Olalla facility. This photo shows the workers from Sprick Roofing Company of Corvallis during the September project.

The center serves Lincoln County School District children ages 3-13 and recently opened the TYKE programs (Treatment for Youth in a Kindergarten Environment) that provides services for preschool-aged children.

Thank you, Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund.

Sincerely,

Ray Burleigh, M.Ed.  
Executive Director



To the editor:

## Tribal Graduates

The Siletz Tribe has always placed education as one of our top priorities. We have become one of the most progressive Tribes in our country because of the outstanding leadership that education has provided us with. Our tribal members understand the importance of support from family and friends to our young students from pre-kindergarten through college.

At one time our Tribe only had a handful of college graduates. Today we have over 100 students in college. This is something that has not happened in 30 years without a commitment from our whole Tribe and staff. Now we need to celebrate that success.

College graduation should be one of the highlights of our entire year. College graduations should become one of our biggest celebrations. Our graduates should be introduced at our restoration celebration as some of our most honored guests.

Graduation is not just about the individual but the entire family and friends as well. Let's start giving it the status that it deserves.

Mike Darcy

## Siletz News Letters Policy

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All letters **must include** the author's signature, address, and phone number in order to be considered for publication. *Siletz News* reserves the right to edit any letter for clarity and length, and to refuse publication of any letter or any part of a letter that may contain profane language, libelous statements, personal attacks, or unsubstantiated statements.

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To the editor:

In this year of Restoration, I am so grateful for the footprints my birth mother left me that I might share as a new member of a Proud People.

I am coming to you in the hope that someone will be able to help in my long search for connection to my history and lineage.

These are the only facts as I know them:

I was born full-term on Dec. 30, 1939, at approximately 12:15 p.m. at a hospital in Sacramento, Calif. I weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

My birth mother was 24 at the time of my birth. She was ¼ Norwegian, ¼ Holland Dutch, and at least ¼ Coos Indian. She was 5 feet, 5 inches tall, with dark hair and brown eyes.

My maternal grandmother was ½ Holland Dutch and ½ Coos Indian. Records indicate she died of pneumonia prior to my birth.

My maternal grandfather was 52 at the time of my birth and was of Norwegian descent.

At the time of my birth, my birth mother had three siblings – a sister age 28, a brother age 26, and a younger brother age 19.

My birth father was 42 or 43 and of French, Scottish, and English descent.

My birth mother was a waitress and my birth father was said to be a bus driver.

Although not married, my birth mother and birth father already had two children at the time of my birth – two boys. My oldest brother was 2-4 years old and the other 1 year of age.

I do not know if my birth father stayed in the picture as he already had a wife and two daughters at the time of my birth. I do not know the ages of my half-sisters.

Records show my birth mother kept in touch with the California Children's Home Society, checking on me until I was adopted. At one point, she came in to put my two brothers up for adoption also, but must have changed her mind for she never returned. Her young life must have been such a struggle.

I have been searching since 1989 when this information became available to me.

My birth mother would be about 92 and her youngest brother about 86. My full brothers would be about 70-71 and 68-69 at this time.

Please, if you can help, my mailing address is: P.O. Box 476; New Cuyama, CA 93254-0476. I shall be forever grateful.

Sandra (Sandie) Speake



To the editor:

My name is Eva E. Clayton. I would like to announce I will be running for a position on Tribal Council 2008.

I will bring to council a positive, professional agenda. I am a highly motivated, totally competent professional businessperson with over 30-plus years of business experience.

I have a set agenda; it's called business.

I understand the importance of having a will to succeed. My positive attitude keeps me very focused, an eye

on the ball and a mindset of getting it done. I am keenly aware of where we are and where we need to be.

I come before you with the confidence that I can and will as your council member work diligently to help better the interest and concerns of the people, regardless of where you reside. I will serve with integrity, honesty and dependability.

Your voice is your vote. I respectfully ask for your vote.

Respectfully,

Eva E. Clayton

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