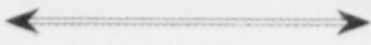


Siletz Tribal members:

I would like to extend my gratitude to the people who voted for me this year, especially since some of you didn't know me. This shows that you voted in hope for change. I am still interested in hearing your concerns and answering any questions.

Please feel free to contact me at logan.melinda@yahoo.com. I am looking forward to meeting and speaking with you. I hope this year brings you and your family great blessings of health, wealth and happiness.

Sincerely,
Melinda L. Logan



To the editor:

Thank you to all of the Tribal members who voted for me. I will be back next year.

For all of you who don't know me, I am on Facebook. Look me up and let's talk and get to know each other. I look forward to one day serving you on Tribal Council.

May the Creator of all good things bless you all.

Sincerely,
Frank Aspria-DePoe



To the editor:

Siletz Valley Friends of the Library board members want to thank the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for approving our recent grant request.

The \$795 grant covers the cost of SVFOL's annual liability insurance premium. This insurance allows our non-profit group to continue volunteer activities such as fundraising, cultural activities, landscape improvement and a variety of other community efforts.

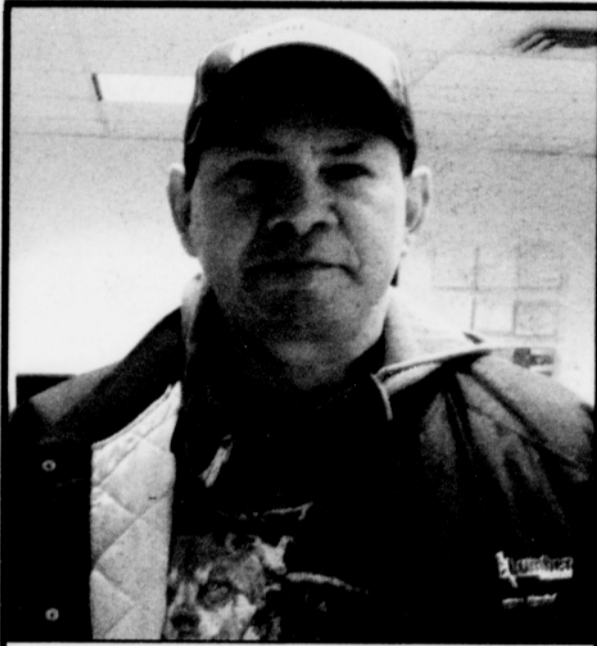
We know that there are many worthy projects requesting financial assistance so we are especially grateful to the Siletz Tribe's charitable fund for again supporting the work of SVFOL in our goals to maintain and improve the Siletz Public Library.

Sincerely,
Sunshine Keck, Secretary
On behalf of the board of the Siletz Valley Friends of the Library

To the editor:

I would like to thank Charles Wilkinson and everyone involved with our book *The People Are Dancing Again*. I enjoyed reading it and had a hard time putting it down after I started. It is truly great and will be a treasure for our future youth.

Sincerely,
Marci Simmons
Daughter of Harding W. Simmons
and Alice M. (Logan) Simmons



To the editor:

A personal thank you to the Siletz Tribe:

I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you for helping me to achieve my dream of getting professionally certified as a Building Performance Institute (BPI) building analyst.

The 477 Self-Sufficiency Program is a lifesaver if you are seeking help in educational or vocational training to improve your lifestyle. Jamie Mason, Tribal services specialist, made all efforts to ensure my success by expressing genuine concern for me and by making the paperwork go smoothly.

I would encourage and challenge all of you who have dreams of aspiring to be whatever it is you desire to pick up an application and fill it out. Young or old, it does not matter. I am 55 years old and took the chance of failing, only to succeed with the Tribe's help. They will not quit on you nor stand by and watch you struggle to improve the way things are going in your life.

I'm glad I walked into the office that day and met Jamie Mason. Again, all I can say is that I deeply appreciate all efforts taken on my behalf.

Rory Michael Jackson

To the editor:

The South Umpqua Native American Cultural Education Committee (SUNACEC) has sponsored the South Umpqua Pow-Wow for the last 31 years. The pow-wow is free and open to all Native American Nations as well as the general public.

In addition to the pow-wow, the group gave the Indian Education classes at the South Umpqua High School in Tri City. Last year the school made us aware that they could no longer allow use of their facility for the pow-wow and classes.

SUNACEC, not put off by this, has arranged to hold this year's South Umpqua Pow-Wow at the National Guard Armory in Roseburg. We are hoping to raise enough funds at the pow-wow for the next year's pow-wow, Indian Education classes and to petition for non-profit exempt status with the state and federal government. This will allow us access to grant and foundation monies which will greatly expand our educational possibilities.

You can help us with these goals. Any assistance you can give us, monetary or donations that can be raffled, would be appreciated. All businesses and individuals assisting us will be acknowledged on our "Giving Board" at the pow-wow. Checks should be made out to Indian Education Parent Committee, c/o Lori Whitaker, P.O. Box 98, Myrtle Creek, OR 97457.

We always need volunteers for the pow-wow and to assist with classes as well if you have anyone who is interested in Native American culture. If you have any questions, please call me at 541-784-0041 or 541-863-0967.

Thank you,
Doug Stack, President

South Umpqua 32nd Annual Pow-Wow

April 30, 2011 • National Guard Armory
111 General Ave., Roseburg, Ore.
(next to Lowe's at I-5, exit 127)

All Native American Nations invited –
no charge

Public invited – no charge

Doors open: Noon

Grand Entry for children's pow-wow:
2 p.m.

Dinner: 4:30 p.m.

Grand Entry: 6 p.m.

No display or sale of protected species or pipe stone. No alcohol, drugs, firearms or political campaigning allowed.

For more information and vendor tables, call 541-863-6252 or 541-784-0041.

Passages Policy

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Mom and family – I love you all with all my heart. You're all in my thoughts and prayers every day.

Love, Todd

Bekki – I love you, baby. Thanks for standing by me, always believing in me. I love you with all my heart. Thanks for all you do for me and us. Soon you'll be my wife.

Keyonna, Jaylee, Caleb and Isaiah – I love you all with all my heart. There ain't a day that goes by you're not in my thoughts. I miss you and love you more than words can say.

Love always and forever, your Dad

Happy Birthday, Grama Connie. I love you with all my heart. I hope you're having fun on your trip. You're always in my prayers.

Love, your grandson Todd

Happy Birthday, Keaston John. I hope it's a good one. I love you with all my heart. Thanks for being on my team. You're a good kid and teammate. Stay strong and always remember me and your mom love you very much.

Love, Todd

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to my brother/brother-in-law on March 7. Hope you have a nice day golfing or spending time with your family.

Love, Randy and Nora

Happy Birthday to our niece, Courtney Hammett, on March 9. Hope you have a nice day wherever you are.

Love Uncle Randy and Aunt Nora

Happy Birthday to Tyler Belgarde-Williams on March 13. Have a safe and fun day whatever you're doing.

Love, Uncle Randy and Aunt Nora

To our son/stepson, Billy Dee Moore III – I hope you have a wonderful birthday on March 14. This a big one, the big 30. No going back.

Love you, Mom and Randy

Mitzi Brown – Well, another year has passed. The years are passing, we seem to stand still in time. ☺ Happy Birthday on March 14.

Love, Nora and Randy

To our BFF Stuart – Hope you have a Happy Birthday on March 19. However you spend it, hope you have fun.

Love, Randy and Nora

Happy Birthday to Trinity DeZurney on March 21. Hope you have a wonderful day filled with surprises.

Love, Uncle Randy and Aunt Nora

To my sweetie, Randy Wood, on March 21 – Hard to believe we got together three years ago. Stuck to each other like chocolate on a stick, thanks to our BFF. So here's to many more happy years together.

Love you my sweets, your darkest of chocolate drops ☺

See more Passages on page 24.

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