

Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor,

We would like to take this time to thank all those who were able to attend the funeral services for James "Jimmy" Lane. It was good to see many of his good friends there. Dad will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He had a long and full life. He lived to be 82 years old. He was proud to be a Indian and he spent much of his time reading all he could that concerned Indians.

We would like to thank everyone that sent cards and for the lovely flowers. It is always good to know that people care.

We also would like to thank the ladies that worked in the kitchen in preparing the dinner after the services. That would be Shirley Strickler, Sharon Butler, Nancy Simmons, Elouise Case and Irene Holland. We would like to also thank those that helped with other preparations for Dad's funeral. Thanks again!

Dennis Lane
Carlotta Edenfield
Ernestine Wooten

TRIBAL MEMBER GRADUATES FROM HASKELL JUNIOR INDIAN COLLEGE

On May 12, 1989 Ed L. Case IV graduated from Haskell Junior Indian College in Lawrence, Kansas. He received two degrees, one in Liberal Arts and another in Business Administration.

Ed was on the Dean's List for 4 terms. He was also selected as Most Valuable Player on the basketball team. He was also nominated as Academic All American.

For awards he received Athlete of the Year, Superior Student of the Year (for 2 yrs.), and the Tony Coffman Scholarship for \$500. Ed has sent his application to the University of Oregon. At the time of graduation he still had heard if he is accepted or not.

He plans on majoring in Business Administration. He is very interested in Tribal Government.

Ed graduated from Chiloquin High School and he is the son of Betty and Ed Case.

CONGRATULATIONS, ED!!!!

Tori Case will graduate from Chiloquin High School this June 5th. She has received a partial scholarship to Blue Mountain College in Pendleton, Oregon. She received the Jel-Wen Scholarship for tuition. This is a basketball scholarship. She is undecided at this time as to what she will major in. CONGRATULATIONS, TORI!!!!

FROM SHIRLEY'S DESK....

Our Fishing & Hunting, Newsletter has moved on (again). Carlotta (Totti) Edenfield is now the Aldridge House Clerk. So we are in the process of taking applications until June 7th. This job entails more than people realize. Not only the monthly newsletter, which requires using a Mackintosh computer for the articles and knowledge of a 35 mm camera, but the fishing & hunting season, which usually starts around September through January, sometimes extended, during which time that person does not get much time off. Hopefully we will have someone on board for the next paper. I am spread pretty thin right now. So if I have not gotten back to you as soon as you would wish (on anything concerning enrollment), please have patience. It has been pretty hectic around here, and priorities have to be set on certain things. I wish Totti good luck in her new job and know she will do a good job, she did while she was here and I miss her, but I understand her reasons for leaving, her priorities are admirable, "family first", then job. You can only give so much of yourself to a job, when you have a family. I think we tend to forget this working for the Tribe. "Burn out", is well known when you work here, you get involved with your job so much you sometimes take it home with you, the worry, the problems, the deadlines, then your family takes a back seat and you create another problem. This all adds up to stress and it takes a toll on you and your family. Maybe sometimes we ask too much, we are getting so big now, I sometimes remember when we were all in one building with the BIA, things were more relaxed, we all jumped in and helped one another with any job that needed to be done, now no one has time to assist others or its not their job. Maybe it is time to, "Fall back and regroup", and remember why we are here. The Tribe, yes but what is the Tribe? It is the people, all of "us" and us includes the tribal members who work here. Sometimes we are taken advantage of because we work here and I know we all try to take this in stride, given a chance we will give our best, but we have families and deadlines and most programs have Federal rules and guidelines that have to be met, it is not us sitting here making up rules or guidelines for you. I do not enjoy telling anyone they are not eligible for this or that, I feel bad if someone is rejected for enrollment, but if that is what I have to do then I do it, it is my job. I will get off the soapbox on this one.

I would like to talk to all the Tribal members who have lost loved ones the past year and more, it just seems like we are losing so many and a lot of them are elders, who knew so much about the past, who took so much knowledge with them. They will all be missed. The pain of losing a loved one never eases, for I have been there and had

more than my share as many of you will remember and my husband Dick and I are now raising another family, our three grandchildren are living with us and it is sometimes difficult to remember what kids are like!!!! But I think it is keeping us young..... The pain is just a part of you that no one sees and you bring it out when you are alone. Laughter, eases my pain, for if I ever had to stop, my life would be over. I love to make people smile and laugh. I too have my good days and bad, but laughter will bring me out of it. I have made so many friends in this job and I treasure them. I was given the following poem from a friend (maybe you have seen it) and I would like to share it with you who have lost loved ones, it hangs on my office wall.

An Indian Prayer

Do not Stand at my grave and weep.

I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain
I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you wake in the morning hush,
I am the swift, uplifting rush of quiet
birds in circling flight
I am the soft starlight at night.

Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there. I do not sleep.

Anonymous

I guess we all think about our own mortality when we attend a service for someone. My own thoughts are only, I hope everyone will remember me with laughter not tears, I used to say my dad had the biggest heart in the world, I hope I do too, my heart goes out to all of you in your pain.

POW WOW TRAILS

TIINOWIT 15TH ANNUAL POW-WOW - June 9, 10, & 11. Grand Entries: 7 p.m. Fri., 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Held at Ancient Ceremonial Grounds, White Swan, Washington.

CITY OF ROSES POW-WOW - June 17, 18 & 19. Delta Park, Portland, Oregon

PI-UME SHA POW-WOW - June 24, 25 & 26. Warm Springs, Oregon. For more information call (503) 553-1161.

COW CREEK BAND OF UMPQUA INDIANS ANNUAL POW-WOW - July 14, 15 & 16. Roseburg, Oregon. For more information call (503) 672-9405.

NESIKA ILLAHEE - Aug. 11, 12, & 13. Times to be announced. Held at Government Hill, Siletz, Oregon.

CHIEF SEATTLE DAYS - Aug. 18, 19, & 20. Social Dance 7 p.m. Inter-tribal dancing/drumming: 1 p.m. Sat. Held at Suquamish, Wash.