

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



To Our Family and Friends,

We would like to thank all of you for the shower that was given us and for all of the cards and gifts we received for our wedding. It made us very happy to know so many of you thought of us.

Love,

Brett & Kelly Lane

A Note of Thanks:

While I was attending the Candidate's Fair at the Springfield Area office, my car was broken in to, the driver's side window smashed and items stolen from inside. It was a very unpleasant experience for myself and my daughter. However, out of most difficult situations something good also results. That was true in this case. So many caring people did their best to be of help. I would like to extend my thanks to Mary and Andy Viles who stood out in the pouring rain with a flashlight securing plastic to the drivers door where the window had been. Sue George and Alice Werth also offered their assistance in numerous ways and I'm sure there were others who also deserve a word of thanks...I was in such a daze... I hope that you all know how much your help meant to us. People like you make this world a better place.

Sincerely,

Teresa M. Miller

Dear Editor:

What caused the firings at STEDCO? Did Tribal Council "donate" \$5,100.00 to a logging company that employed two

Tribal Council members? How many STEDCO commissioners resigned in December, 1989? Who's the new Chief Judge? Did the Siletz Indian Housing Authority succeed in its attempt to evict a tribal member from Government Hill Housing? Where's the new health clinic going?

Tribal members wishing answers to these and other questions need only to write to me, Andy Viles, c/o Siletz News II, P.O. Box 152, Alvadore, OR 97409 for the latest issue of Siletz News II.

Andy Viles

Dear Brothers and Sisters and Elders:

I am writing in deep concern of the Indian public's perception and spiritual values of Native American Indian brothers and sisters in prisons, like the Oregon State Prison, Oregon State Corrections Institution and the Oregon Woman's Prison and their right to practice and learn Indian ways and the vitalness of finding in Indian ways good morals and the spiritual fundamentals for self-improvement and cultural rehabilitation and becoming better Tribal members and law abiding citizens in their returning to the community.

Well my brothers and sisters and elders, good people walking the good red road out there; we brothers here at Eastern Oregon Correction Institution who have been walking the hard, bad road that led us here, we need to find that good, red road and learn to be good people too, and become better member's of the Native American Indian Race and the time is now! Before we leave prison. Here we are being punished for our crimes but we need the chance to learn and grow and turn away from crime, drugs and alcohol and become good people too, and learn to give and not take, and learn to love and not hate, and to live and not death, and learn to grow and

not waste away, and learn to be good Indian people and not lost children of the many Tribal Nations, children lost on a dark road. Help us people to help ourselves and to help others find the Good Red Road....I pray to the Great Spirit and the four directions and to the Earth Mother and to all creation that you hear my words and see the truth and the injustice of the Brothers here being denied Native American Indian Religion and spiritual counseling; we need a Pipe Carrier, a Sweatlodge Leader, and Drug and Alcohol Councilor, volunteers here to come at least once a month or more if possible and teach us to become Warriors and turn away from criminal ways.

The following statements are the facts and the truth to justify my cause, our cause here, and they point out law and the Resolution American Indian Religious Freedom, and the injustice of this freedom here at EOIC; and my Native American Indian Brothers and Sisters and Elders should know the truth and take just one moment in thought and perception and take a walk in our moccasins and then understand....

In Honor of all the Native American Indian Brothers and Sisters In

Prison Throughout This Country, Your Brother Crazy Horse,

Sincerely,
Ronald C. Johnson

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

I want to thank all of you that took the time to support my campaign for re-election.

When you shoulder responsibility and risk for the betterment for your tribe you are bound to make some mistakes. Sometimes you have to take one step backward in order to take two steps forward.

It takes a lot of courage to be a tribal leader, the river has grown deep and wide, filled with debris and is hard to swim up stream.

I have the courage and wisdom to continue doing a good job for you.

Again, I thank all of you.

Respectfully yours,

Frank Simmons

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