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Dear Tribal Members,

My name is Fawn Keene, and I was your Jr. Miss Siletz for the year 92-93. I feel that I did a wonderful job. I followed every rule and regulation because that was my duty. I signed a paper committing myself to stay sober, to not get pregnant, and to show the most respect towards myself, others, and my tribe. I grew up with alcohol & drugs as a every day thing, and while I was reigning as "ROYALTY", I was clean and sober. I knew the consequences if I did not abide by that rule. I've been thinking of running for Miss Siletz and I have an example for you. If I was to become your, Miss Siletz, and during the end of my reign (May-June), became pregnant and broke that rule, would I still reign as Queen? I don't think so. I would be pushed out of there immediately. You sign to commit yourself, that means you will give it your fullest, and if you cannot do so, you shall not reign no more. A couple of years ago a crown was taken away

from a young lady for "DISRESPECT". What is alcohol & drugs? When it enters your body to take over, push your spirit aside, does that mean "DISRESPECT"?

I would be ashamed to go on dancing after drinking. I would have let down my Tribe, my Elders, and myself. The adults in the community need to set an example, and maybe your family life is hard, but should you "DRINK"? I did not drink or use while I was "ROYALTY". If our Tribe is going to make candidates sign a paper that has rules, and the Council does not follow through with them, than why have a royalty court if no one can follow through with "COMMITMENT"? We are to be PROUD, not ASHAMED.

Fawn M. Keene

Dear Editor,

I have been trying to reach a family by the name of "Fearn". They use to live in the Halo Valley near Yoncalla. If you know any of them would you please have them write to me?

Sincerely,
Mrs. C. Baker
PO Box 447
Yoncalla, Oregon
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Dear Editor,

A Big thanks to Sage Butler for helping build tipi's, gathering firewood and braving the ice-cold river, at the Coming Home Ceremony.
Phil Rilatos Jr.

Siletz Tribal Newsletter:

I would like to publicly acknowledge three very special young ladies and their recent achievements. Kimberly Ann (Fisher) Mesa graduated with a certificate for Medical Assistant and is currently employed by 6 cardiologists in Boise, ID).

Misty Marie Fisher graduated with a certificate in Computerized Office Management and is currently

interviewing potential employers in the Springfield/Eugene area (to determine who will be the fortunate one to hire her!)

Darcie Rene' Roberts will be presented her High School Diploma at the Hult Center in Eugene on June 2nd. Darcie definitely has the potential to achieve, as her sisters have already done.

These three young women represent what hard work, dedication and sacrifice can do. I'm very proud to call all of them-Daughter.

Joan M. Fisher

To The Editor,

We would like to extend our most heartfelt thanks to everyone who came to see our Mom (Madge Mason) while she was in "Good Samaritan Hospital", in Portland, after having a quadruple bi-pass. Your visit helped her days go by more quickly and to find the strength to have a more speedy recovery.

We would also like to Thank the following for the balloons, cards, flowers, plants, money, phone calls, and prayers. What a smile you put on Mom's face! She would say, "Well aren't they nice. We're going to have to thank them."

Gilbert Towner, Gladys Staggs, Vickie Nelson, Elouise Case, Tina Wooten, Gladys Bolton, Marge Lane, Helen Orton, Emma Russell, Mercilene Flagg, Marie Fuller, Selene Rilatos, Siletz Feather Dancers (who did an honor dance for Mom & Pauline Ricks at the Springfield Pow Wow), Patsy Meister, Rosemary & Leah Landis, Cora Marks, Laura & Darrel Story, Head Start Kids, Parents & Staff, Jennifer Mason, Linda & Larry Dooley, Kelly & Eve Mason, Michael & Pat Darcy & Family, Betty Whitehead, Ron & Willow Rife, Mary Lou CHN, Joe & Zella Darcy & Family and Libbey Allen & Church of Nazarene Youth Group (for fasting half a day for Mom's safe recovery).

You are all so Special and hold a very near and dear spot in Mom's heart. Thank you for being there, when our Mom needed you most!!!

If we left anyone out please except our apologies.

Madge Mason's
Kids

Dear Tribal Members,

My name is Violet, my mother is Vera and my grand mother was Mary Fairchild-Wallace. She past on in 1972, she was one of the greatest people in the world. I loved her deeply, and I miss her very much I owe her alot for teaching me about some of lifes toughest challenges, her spirit walks with me every day, and I know that no matter what happens to me in this world, I know that I will have a place with her tomorrow.

I was writing to give thanks to the ones that has given me so much support to get a higher education, Rena, Linda, and Mary Ukockis. They are real good to me. But, I would really like to thank a very special friend, Shari, for putting up with my lifes ups and downs. She has been there at the drop of a hat, and I appreciate her kind and loving ways. There isn't many people like her left.

Well since I've been here, there has been alot of things happening that I don't appreciate, for instance the drug and alcohol abuse that has taken over our Indian people, and we wonder why that our children act the way that they do. It is our responsibility as parents to teach them about respect for themselves and also to respect others. We need to discipline them and teach them that life isn't easy, but it is what they make it to be. And I would like to say to the person that called my mother names, that she is a good person and you have no right to say that she is a certain name, if you don't even know her. She hasn't done anything to you to give you that right. She hasn't any unkind words for anyone unless someone says mean things to her. I can understand that there is alot of stuff going on in your life that would make it hard to cope with people but you don't have to be rude.

Violet

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