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THANK YOU:

Thank you to Larry and Marilyn Borton and the whole logging crew for saving Copenhagen can lids and donating them to the Culture Department for jingle dresses!

Fred Rider,
you're one of our
favorite people!

Carol sends a word of thanks to everyone! What a birthday gift....now she can go just about anywhere....the sky's the limit!!!

Thank you to Violet Lafferty and Sharon Bruns for their hard work on this issue of the Siletz Newsletter!

DEAR TRIBAL MEMBERS:

It still seems to be some what of a question about blood quantum. Descendancy would have been what our chiefs would have decided. They decided to surrender rather than kill off all our people in war we would lose, in part because the Oregon Indian tribes fought among themselves and would not band together. Once on the reservation we were told the more Indian you were the more you got. This was a lie. Blood degree is the white mans way of crowd control that has gotten way out of hand. By the white mans law my brother Jeff was my half brother. I never knew the half that was not mine. When he was killed at Christmas of '89 my brother died, not just half. Let us live on as our grandfathers and grandmothers had prayed for. Let us band together and find the answers we are so desperately seeking. Direct Descendancy could include someone to insure we go on for another hundred years, or even a thousand.

Finally, this year's pow-wow is here! I ask all the family, cousins, cousins- cousins, and cousins- cousins- cousins, to get out your regalia and dance this year for the ones who have gone before and those who will be coming in the future. My son will dance at my side as well as other family.

Come join us! See ya on the hill and we'll play the music so the whole town hears us up there.

Phil Rilatos, jr.

We'll remember the sweet, gentle spirit of Linda Whitehead King at this Nesika Illahee Pow Wow

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU..



Steven Kalani Burke Jr.,
Happy 32nd Birthday
to our "Beyurkey"!
We love you very much.
Terri, Tashina, Stevie, &
Kelani

Happy Birthday dad,
another year younger and
also to my great nephew,
Josh
Happy Birthday!

Lots of love,
Froggie

Happy Birthdays to a
wonderful father & son, To
Tom and Tim Pat,
We love you and miss you all
very very much. Come and
Pow-Wow with us !!!
Lots of love and misses,
The Rilatos Clan!

Happy Birthday
to my elder boyfriend, Ralph
Flanary, many hugs to you on
this day and everyday this
year!
My love & prayers,
Selene

Happy Birthdays to my
nieces, Sacheen & Danielle,
Lots of hugs & kisses to you!
Love you, your conceited
Aunty -(you know)

To the Editor:

I was wondering if you could help me. I am doing this study on "American Indians" and I would be pleased if you could give me some information on Indians. I am also wondering if you could help me with a pen friend, so I could know more and meet new friends. Thanks .

Mary Jones
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Happy Birthday
to you, Mom
(Martha Lockhart)

Special Happy Birthday
to Rosalie Mae Hunt
who will be "Sweet 16"
on August 18th.

Happy Birthday
to our

"Extra Special Marines"
Jason Scott Metcalf & Kraig A.
Mitchell

Also Happy Birthday
to Rebekiah
(Mitchell) Goulet
& Aunt Rose
Bremner
Lots of Love,
Your Daughters,
Mom, & Nieces,
Janice & Pam Lane

Happy Birthday
to our mom, grandma,
great-grandma, aunt &
sister

Maxine Rilatos!
We hope this year brings
much love and happiness
to you, like you have given
to us. You have always
been there for us and we'll
always be indebted to you
for all you have done for us
and for the people.

Thanks for the your divine
faith and prayers that you
offer for us all !

All our love and prayers,
The Rilatos & Ben Clans !
XOXOXO

Tommy, Timmy, Tiffany,
Robby, Lisa, Randy, Rachel,
Kari, Priscilla, baby Samatha,
Robby, Karly, Bobby, Rena,
Sammy, Kevin, Tasha,
Lynette, Gyrrad, & Heidi

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