

LETTERS

Hopefully this letter will be error-free. When I talk at meetings or write letters, I only speak for myself.

I want to thank the tribal members that voted against "lowering the blood degree." You are true warriors.

I attended the August 5th General Council meeting. It really saddened my heart to listen to a Tribal Elder tell how she was treated by the Tribal Attorney. The Tribal Council just sat there. Not one man is worth the trials and tribulations at the expense of our tribal members. The Tribal Council puts so much faith in man that they forget us little people.

Another concern was hiring. There's a lot of things wrong with the hiring procedures. It all bares down to the fact: it depends on who you are.

I have to agree with what Maxine Rilatos said, "there are so many supervisors over supervisors and the Tribe is still hiring". Where is all this money coming from? We need a good cleaning out. There's a lot of jobs not needed.

There are a lot of put-down on the youth here. From what I hear the blame goes entirely on the youth. What about the adults? There's an adult that lives down the street that makes faces at kids and cusses at them. Is that justifiable? I don't think so.

One last mention. Every family has problems, just some hide it better than others. Before anybody condemns me about my family, they better look in their own back yard. Like I always said, we live in a small town and everybody knows everybody's business, and the past is never forgotten here.

Joella Cain

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TO OUR FAMILY,

I would like to write a BIG THANK YOU to my brother and sister and family (Charlie, Sally, Jason, Mark, and Jenny) for opening their hearts & home to my children Jacob and Sarah. I would also like to thank my sister Elaine and her family (Shawn & Rox) for opening their home to my son Jacob. It means a lot to me & my children to know our family is there for us in a time of need, and not asking for nothing, but to help me to get my life back together with my children. My children mean the world to me. I am proud of each one of them. Sometimes we need to learn lessons the hard way, or just to experience them for ourselves but the important thing is to learn from it, and not want to walk that path a second or third time

Thank You
We Love You
Sylvia, J.R.
Jacob & Sarah



Dear Editor,

Hello, my name is Sarah Bell, and I was Jr. Miss Siletz for the past year. I would like to thank the following people who supported me through the last year: Elouise Case, Lou Mocekis and family, Terry Warren and family, Reggie Butler Junior, Shelly Andrews, Charlene Holycross and family, Lisa Brown, Rose Starr and family, Jeanna Harrington, Felicia Edenfield, Darcy Jones, Paul Whitehead, David West, Carolyn Rose, Craig and Kris Whitehead, Danielle Crabtree, Bob Tom, The Dancing Again Singers, Sonya Moody-Jurado and family, Pat Darcy, Tina Retasket, Selene and Rena Rilatos, Fred Ryder, And Rena Philbrook. Most of all I would like to thank my family, my grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, they have all been very helpful and supportive. I hope that I haven't missed anyone, if I have I'm sorry and I thank you.



To The People,

I would like to let my dad (A I B) know he means the world to me, he is my heart beat as my children are along with my family & we do have a large family. I would also like to thank Robert Miller from Portland and everyone who has sent their support & prayers our way, as every day a new prayer is answered. I would like to give a special thanks to Antonio Greigo & Allen Kentta for their letters of guidance to my son Paul A. Brock, Jr. (J.R.). I know your letters helped him & Rusty thru their hardest times of the first year (18 months) of being locked up. If there's anything we (Jacob, Sarah, Paul Jr. or I) can do for you, please ask, we'll do our best. I would also like to thank the Lakota Brothers from O.S.P for all the prayers & support they have given Sarah, J.R, Jacob & myself over the year. It was a tough one. I would like to thank Dino, Lavonne, Quiltman, Tyler & Nash for the Sweat Lodge at MacLaren. Our boys are strong & love to sweat. I know Jerry Thomas thanks you too. I would also like to thank the MacLaren staff for opening their hearts & minds to learn our native ways.

Thank You,
Silvia Brock

Elder News

The Elders would like to thank Delbert Bell For his Kind generosity in offering and decorating his pick-up so the Elders could participate in the parade. Good job, Delbert!

We would also like to thank Edmund Ben and family for the beautiful pendleton blanket donated to us in Pauline Rick's memory and the dedication of the Pow Wow grounds.

Thanks to the following people for their kind donations: Andy Viles, Rosemary Landis, Charlotte & Dan Squires, the Ricks, Bell, McKnight, and Hudson families, Sharon Edenfield and all that helped in our booth and otherwise who were kind enough to help.

Madge & Gladys

To the Editor,

"HE'D GIVE THEM THE SHIRT OFF OF HIS BACK.....Recently my child, alone with a friend, went to a store to return two shirts that didn't fit him. At the customers service desk, they gave him the run around. At first they told him that he wasn't old enough to return the items, without any identification of who he was, which he had left his wallet at home. After they told him to go ahead and pick out two more shirts, then he did, then they decided that he could go ahead and exchange for the same amount of money of items that the shirts originally cost. Then after an hours time or so had passed after going through all the different departments, he ended up being over the amount and didn't have the cash on him. He left the store feeling frustrated and still with the same shirts that he had left with.

I would like to compare this situation with many similar situations that happen within the tribal structure. If this is the way we are to operate as a tribal entity then, what is our purpose for being here, who is our customer and is the customer always right, and how does our customer walk away from us feeling? And, if we should continue to have results where our customers leave with still the same shirts they left with, then what eventually is going to happen to our business?

And where is that feeling and desire of that famous quote " he/she was so giving that they'd even give 'em the shirt off of their back".

A quote by Ralph Emerson, "Success is- to leave the world a bit better than when you entered; to know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is success." Hu chon 'hu non' lei hot let,

Selene Rilatos

