

LETTERS

To my "brother"

Terry:

Someday we'll be in the wind, with Grandfather at our sides. Thanks for believing.

Another Time

Eagle soaring in the sky,
Amber clouds drifting by,
Walking through forest green,
Pause to drink from a mountain stream,
Majestic bull elk to the right.
Fade back quickly, out of sight,
Become part of surrounding brush,
Remain calm, must not rush,
Slowly, arrow out of quiver,
Drawing back, muscles strain,
One shot only, careful aim,
Flint tipped death about to fly,
Bull's head turns, looks in your eye,
Feathered shaft passes with a swish,
Say to yourself, "rather have fish".

M.L. Cain
Choctaw C.D.I.B.

I would also like to wish "Good Luck" and much happiness to "Woodsie".

Happy Mother's Day Mom. We want you to know how much we love and appreciate you.

You are a wonderful mom and Grama.

Love you,
Don, Cindy,
Jenera & Jeremy

Happy Mother's Day Mommy! We Love you!
James and Joshie
XO XO's

Dear Uncle Joe and Aunt Janie -

Sure glad things are back to normal for you guys! Take it easy! For awhile, you made us "Afraid for a scare".

Love You,
Don, Cindy and Kids

We would like to wish Vern Kessinger, Sr. A Happy 60th Birthday!
We Love You Dad!
The Burkes

Happy 12th Anniversary to my very special Husband, Steve.

Thanks for 12 terrific years!

I Love You Man.....
Terri

Happy Birthday Darren, Jared and Auntie Lodynn.

Love You,
The Burkes

HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY to my dad, Vern Kessinger. I love you, man.

Terri

Happy belated birthday to our daughter, Terri and to my cousin Tess (my traveling buddy).

Love Yas,
Donna& Vern, Mom & Dad

Happy belated Birthday to Randall and Clinton McCallum

Love,
The Burkes

GETTING PAID

I was given an opportunity to serve my Tribe by being part of the first Siletz All Indian Basketball Tournament. Cliff Case asked me if I would help with the 8, 9 and 10 year old's. We started out with building one team in this division, and before the tournament started we had three teams. As luck would have it, I got to practice all twenty-one players.

In the process of practices and games, I was given by these young players a compliment, a smile, a tear and a hug. Michael Norton gave me a compliment when he told me "I used everything you taught me coach against you". My smile was given to me by Melissa Strickler when I told her how proud I was of her (She has a famous smile). Karli Jay gave me her tear. It began as a tear of fear, until Buster and I turned it into a tear of joy and relief. And last but not least, Levi Case gave me a hug, the kind of hug that you could feel his thanks all the way to your heart.

I told these young people, when we first started practicing, that I wasn't their teachers nor was I their parents. That meant two things: first, I

didn't get paid to coach them, and second, I didn't love them, but as it turns out, I do care about everyone of them, and I did get paid - one compliment, one smile, one tear and one big hug.

Thank you Cliff, Terry, Joe, Ray and all of you who made this possible.

Dub Bellinger

"Live The Future, Learn The Past"

The future is full of sunshine and happiness. A nuclear free world; one of mutual trust and understanding. A world where people choose their own Government and ways of life. Where religion leads, aids, and comforts the people, for the way of life the people have chosen, not for what the Government or church has chosen.

This is the future if we wish it to be and are willing to work toward this goal. The past has shown us a different future, but we know today will be the past in just 24 hours. We can now see what has caused war, crime, poverty, hunger and turmoil. These are all past lessons to learn from, but not to dwell upon and project them into our future. But when we dwell on the past we turn it into our future.

The future is truly ours because today we make it happen. Lets strive together as earth people nations to truly make what comes something in which our hearts can smile at each other.

Mee-Tah-oh-Yah-Tay
A-Ho Mitaoyate
(My Relatives)

Jeremy Mason
AKA Log

To Tribal Members:

As some of you are aware, I filed a petition in Tribal Court regarding the election of 1995. On March 7, 1995 and March 13, 1995 the Tribal Court held hearings on this matter, but the election board did not appear on either occasion. On December 28, 1995 the Siletz Court of Appeals heard the appeal and ruled in my

favor; the case was remanded back to Tribal Court. A hearing was scheduled for February 20, 1996 but was postponed. Another hearing was scheduled for April 3, 1996 and still another postponement.

The Tribal Council has since revised the election ordinance and incorporated some of my suggestions for security and integrity in the voting procedures. However, this does not settle the dispute on whether we voters participated in an illegal election in 1995. I have been urged by many tribal members to pursue this matter until the case is heard, whether it be tribal or federal court.

I would appreciate hearing from any tribal member who experienced inequities in the voting procedures or violations of the election ordinance in 1995. Please call or write me at 17733 SE Haig Dr., Portland, OR 97236.

It is our right as tribal members to assure that each and every election is held fairly.

Thank you,

To Tribal Members:

I would like to discuss GA, now that's a topic. I know there is alot of people that are trying to get GA. Most of these people could be working. There are many RESOURCES that can be checked.

(1) J.T.P.A.: This is already in our Tribal System, and should have been used first since the beginning. Now, the moccasin telegraph says, that if JTPA has to serve these client's they want more pay. Well let's look at that. Since J.T.P.A. counselors operate on basically the same level as a social worker, shouldn't they receive the same pay? To my understanding they have about the same level of responsibility and both have set guidelines and regulations to go by. I do not, however, believe that just because one worker has one more client than the other one they should be paid more. There has to be some kind of a case management standard.