

Lauds the teaching of Ben Cummings

Dear editor,

I enjoyed reading about Ben Cummings in a recent issue of Native Sun News. I attended North Junior High in Rapid City during the years 1974-77 and enrolled in at least one of his classes during that time. What I remember most is his passion for history and its connection to current events. Perhaps he influenced me, without either of us realizing it at the time, to pursue a career teaching American Indian studies at the university level. He was a pretty good teacher. Mvto (thanks).

James Treat
University of Illinois

Noem's speeding record sends the wrong message

Dear Editor,

As a South Dakota prosecutor, it is both disappointing and troubling to see someone, especially an elected official and candidate for federal office, seek to dismiss such a serious record. Kristi Noem's record of numerous speeding violations, six failures to appear in court and two bench warrants issued for her arrest is not easily dismissible.

Noem has received 20 speeding tickets, often for traveling at very high rates of speed. Her most recent ticket was not far in the past, as her ad suggests. It was last February – shortly after Noem announced her candidacy, and was for driving 94 miles per hour.

But to me, even more troubling than the speeding are the failures to appear in court and the arrest warrants. A failure to appear in court reflects disregard for law enforcement and the judicial system, one of our three branches of government.

Warrants for failure to appear cost taxpayers money: the prosecutor, court reporter, clerk, judge and the deputy who goes to serve the warrant are paid salaries by taxpayers. A failure to appear increases the workload in the judicial system and wastes already scarce court docket time and resources.

and my brother Byron Hall were the influence for me to start this case and find our attorneys lead by Joe Sellers.

Our prayers have been answered today for all of our families and the late John Buzz Fredericks family, Viola Schettler family, and several other who have passed on and never thought this day would happen, but it did and we won!

The case can be summarized with the President Obama press release. I want to thank all of our tribes like Standing Rock, Spirit Lake, Turtle Mountain, Cheyenne River, Rosebud, Oglala and all the rest living so this day would come.

Maa zagidaz mii daa Nuxbaaga O

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We are not members of any Tea Party

Dear Editor,

My name is Catka Winyan; my English name is Dorothy Ann Rowland. I was born at Indian Health Services (IHS) at Pine Ridge Agency. My POW # is 344-U-XXXXX, the eldest daughter of Clarence (Bally) and Cleone Dorothy Ice Rowland. My paternal grandparents are Benton and Annie Breaks In – Rowland, who are from Calico. My maternal Grandparents are Alec and Mabel Runs Against-Ice, who are descendants from the original allotments of Crazy Horses people who were made to stay along the Wounded Knee Creek. I grew up in the Native American Church speaking the Lakota language here at Wounded Knee.

I am writing to inform the People that the Fire Lightning Tiospaye members, AIM Members, Native Youth Movement members of Wounded Knee denounce any affiliation with Garry and Karmelita Plains Bull-Martin-Rowland. The do not live here in Wounded Knee. After they got married (against Tiospaye wishes) they moved to Rapid City.

Garry start the Fire Lightning Tiospaye concept in 2001 here at Wounded Knee when the Mission of Love people came to Oglala to help with the tornado. Oglala people told them they

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