

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

I had a wonderful opportunity to attend the Restoration Pow-Wow at Chinook Winds in Lincoln City, Ore., on Nov. 17, 2001. I had a fun time hanging with my cousins: Lynette, Tasha, Heidi, and Sam. I love you guys. It was great seeing my family and friends.

I wanted to say a big thank you first to the Pow-Wow Committee and the Tribal Council for paying my airfare to Oregon. Thanks Auntie Shirley Walker for picking up my mother and me from the Portland Airport and driving us around in Lincoln City. Thanks Auntie Selene Rilatos for making sure I was going to be picked up.

Thanks to Delbert and Sharon Bell for supplying a hotel room to stay in. It truly touched my heart. Thanks Auntie Val and Uncle Larry Hibdon for the beautiful pin. It will be worn proudly. Thanks Grandma Maxine Rilatos for the earrings. I know I will always be your "Miss Kansas City."

Thanks Mom, Marlene Stuart, for taking the time to make me a new dress. I truly appreciate and love all of you. May God Bless Everyone of you in all ways.

I wanted to mention that I have two brothers. I forgot to include them in the last newsletter. Thomas Anthony Stuart Jr. turned 24 years old on Dec. 8, 2001. Happy Birthday, Tommy! Thomas is attending Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan. He will be graduating next May with a B.S. in tribal management.



*Tiffany Stuart*

Timothy Patrick Stuart is 21 years old. He enjoys cutting his friends' hair and is working at a nationally known credit card company. I would like to say that I am proud to be a Siletz Tribal member.

Thanks - Tiffany Stuart  
Jr. Miss Siletz 2001-2002

**Correction:** Brittany M. Mason was misidentified as Keshena Butler in the December issue of Siletz News. Brittany was shown getting her teeth examined by Dr. Randy Teich and Linda Kreutzer of the Siletz Community Health Clinic.

To the editor:

I was first elected to Tribal Council in 1993. Two-and-a-half years after my first term, I served a six-month appointment because of the recall. I was elected again in the very next election. I am asking for your vote again in the upcoming election.

Most past councils have had the vision to look after the well-being of both present and future tribal members. They knew educated, healthy, and culturally involved tribal members would look out for our children and our grandchildren's children forever.

I also have that same vision. We must meet the needs of this generation while ensuring the continuation of our tribe in the future. That means more land, a healthy investment portfolio, and tribal members who are prepared to become involved in tribal government.

During this last term, we have had many successes. Financial woes existed shortly before the recall. This year, we were able to provide a per capita payment for all tribal members, especially for those who go to work every day to provide for their families and who are not eligible for most of our programs.

We provided some pharmacy needs outside the 11-county areas, along with hearing aids and glasses. We are now helping our elders with their part B Medicare payment. Education for any tribal member and some housing needs are available. Next year's profit will be as good, if not better.

There are always day-to-day issues that need resolution. As long as decisions are made in fair and non-biased ways and according to the rules, I consider that proper. I have always listened to anyone who came to me and I took the issues to the whole council for resolution. On occasion, I have voted alone because I felt the council was making the wrong decision. However, once a vote is taken, I accept the full council's decision.

A few issues that I will bring forward are:

1. Buying back our land, whether it is within our former 1.2 million-acre reservation or on the Rogue River.
2. To teach our languages so that our children will be fluent in their native tongues.
3. To diversify our tribal businesses so we will not have to rely only upon our timber or gaming to run tribal government and provide services for tribal members.
4. A health plan for all.
5. To keep our youth in school to ensure future leadership.
6. Our elders' well-being.
7. And protection of our little ones.

If you want an honest, fair, dedicated, and tireless advocate for the Siletz Tribe, vote for me.

Rosemary Landis

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