

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

To the general manager, Brenda Bremner; Siletz Tribal Council; clinic director, Judy Muschamp; Siletz Community Health Clinic; Dr. Randall Teich, and Dental staff:

I feel like I need to tell you about my experience with SCHC's Dental Department. Those folks over there went way out of their way to make me feel comfortable and at ease with their procedures that started many months ago. For their efforts, I have a million-dollar smile and all because of the great dental staff you employ.

You guys (meaning you, the GM, and your Tribal Council), always get notes and letters about what's wrong with all your politics and such, and I feel this is a great and wonderful story to share with you. I feel so grateful to have the opportunity to have access to such a good health facility that you offer this community.

Once again, those folks deserve recognition for their professionalism, patience, and drive to give the best dental care possible to their patients. And once again, I want to thank your great SCHC Dental Department.

Respectfully,
Mary Dederick

To the editor:

My name is Laurie Brown-Godfrey. My roll number is 1522. My grandmother was Marge Lane and my great-grandmother was Christine Martin Selsic.

I currently reside in Springfield with my husband, Chuck Godfrey, and my son, Evan Brown-Godfrey. I also have a daughter, Jade Brown-Godfrey, who has blessed me with two wonderful granddaughters. I'm writing this letter to announce my candidacy for the 2003 Tribal Council elections.

I believe that I will be a good candidate for the following reasons:

- I have nine years' prior work experience with CTSI in the following positions – tribal services



specialist, social service worker, education specialist, and community health representative.

- I have a long-term commitment in the community, working with organizations to advocate for education and social justice rights, as I have more than nine years of service with two local human rights organizations.
- I served on the Springfield Police task force for one year.
- I have volunteer committee experience with CTSI on the following: Education, Pow-Wow, and Gaming Revenue. I'm proud that I was a member of the Education Committee when we drafted the plan to have a computer in each Siletz household. It was very rewarding to see this plan implemented this year.
- I served for two years as a volunteer coordinator of the STYLE (Siletz Tribal Youth Leadership Experience) Program. During these two years, I worked with local youth in Lane,

Linn, and Benton counties. Youth participants coordinated meetings, planned activities, attended AIDS training, went golfing, attended the Run to the Rogue, learned about their culture, hosted an activity/movie event for younger tribal youth, and went snow boarding.

My work history gives me a working knowledge of program services offered through the tribe. I'm committed to youth and enhancing services and life opportunities for all tribal members. My commitment for respect and social justice for all people, regardless of race, income, or education, has been proved through my work in the local community.

I believe that there will always be work to do to improve ourselves individually and as a tribe. I value the tribe's commitment for lifelong learning in formal and informal settings.

Most importantly, we must treat each other with respect and work together. Fighting amongst ourselves will not serve our tribal membership. We are a tribe and if I'm elected, I will work for the good of the tribe. My long-term goal for the tribe is to see more tribal membership involvement and enhance services for the tribal membership.

I hope that you will vote for me and I encourage all eligible voters to turn out and vote!

Sincerely,
Laurie Brown-Godfrey



To the editor:

I am a tribal elder. I am 72 years old. I signed up for wood.

We have young tribal members who work for Forestry.

They brought me wood and it was all knots. Here is a picture of the

wood. So we called Reggie to have them come and get the wood, as we cannot cut it smaller to burn.

This is what they think of elders.

Victoria Nelson

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