

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

On behalf of the Siletz Valley Friends of the Library, we would like to thank the committee of the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for their generous grant of \$750 for our group liability insurance.

During the past year, we sponsored seven "events" to promote the Siletz Library and raise money for a new building. A tremendous amount of time and energy went into planning and executing those events. It was a relief to know that we had liability insurance, in case anything unfortunate happened. With your generous support, we can renew that insurance coverage and continue to raise money for the new library.

We are an all-volunteer group, and yearly dues are only \$5. Many of us donate paper, computer ink, postage costs, and other supplies to keep costs down. When we apply for grants, foundations want to know what ongoing financial support exists for our group. We are very proud to tell them that the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund has been very supportive, not only with money for insurance, but in purchasing things for the current library.

Over the years, the fund has given us the money to remodel some cupboards in the library to make more shelves for children's books, for subscriptions to large-print book plans, and for story time aids, including a bright new rug, puppets and theater, and a portable CD player. The shiny new book drop in front of the current library was

also a gift of the charitable fund and will be moved to the new library.

We are over half way to our goal of raising \$745,000 for a new library for our community. Donations can be sent to SVFOL at P.O. Box 130, Siletz, OR 97380, and will be acknowledged on a plaque in the Siletz Post Office.

Thanks again for your continual support of this very important project that will benefit all the members of our wonderful community!

Sincerely,

Lorraine Rich and Karen Carlson,
members of Siletz Valley Friends
of the Library Grant Committee



To the editor:

Yesterday there was no wind. Today the wind is behind us; now we need to harness that wind for tomorrow. How true.

My name is Eva E. Clayton; most are familiar with my articles in our *Siletz News* over the years. I would like to announce that I will be running for a position on Tribal Council 2005.

With my 30 years plus business experience, I will serve with integrity, dependability. Never forgetting the importance of those who trust I have their best interests at heart.

I will bring to council a positive, professional agenda.

Respectfully,

Eva E. Clayton

To the editor:

Hello everyone,

My name is Jessie Davis. I am one of the incumbents who will be seeking your vote in the upcoming tribal election. I believe that to be an effective Tribal Council person, it takes a lot of personal time and commitment. However, I do have the support of my husband and family to continue my pursuit for re-election.

I believe I have the time, energy, and commitment to fulfill the role of a council member. I also bring forth honesty, integrity, and experience. I believe I have established a reputation of making positive things happen for the tribe!

I do not just attend meetings. I am aggressive and I am always working for the outcome to be in the best interest of the tribe. I also believe I have earned the respect of many in various levels: tribal members, other tribal leaders on a local and national level, and state agencies.

There are constant challenges to the tribe's sovereignty. There continues to be many critical tribal issues facing our council. I have the experience, knowledge, and ability to help us move through these troubled times.

If elected, I will continue to work toward: 1) Improved health care coverage for all tribal members; 2) Education – Would like to see any person who is qualified to go to college or AVT get the help they need; 3) Communication – I have been and will continue to be available to anyone who wants to contact me with an issue. I have always done my best to help resolve issues and

make sure processes have been followed; 4) Elders and Youth – Continue to be an advocate; 5) Economic Development – We are working on projects to diversify.


I will expand more on these topics in the voter's pamphlet, but I just wanted to provide you with some highlights of my position.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me in the past and I am once again asking for your help and your vote. If elected, I will continue to serve in your best interest.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jessie Davis

**The Siletz Tribe
wishes everyone a
safe and joyful
holiday season. May
the new year bring
you peace, happiness,
and time well spent
with those you love.**



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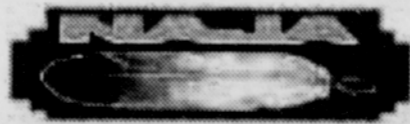
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