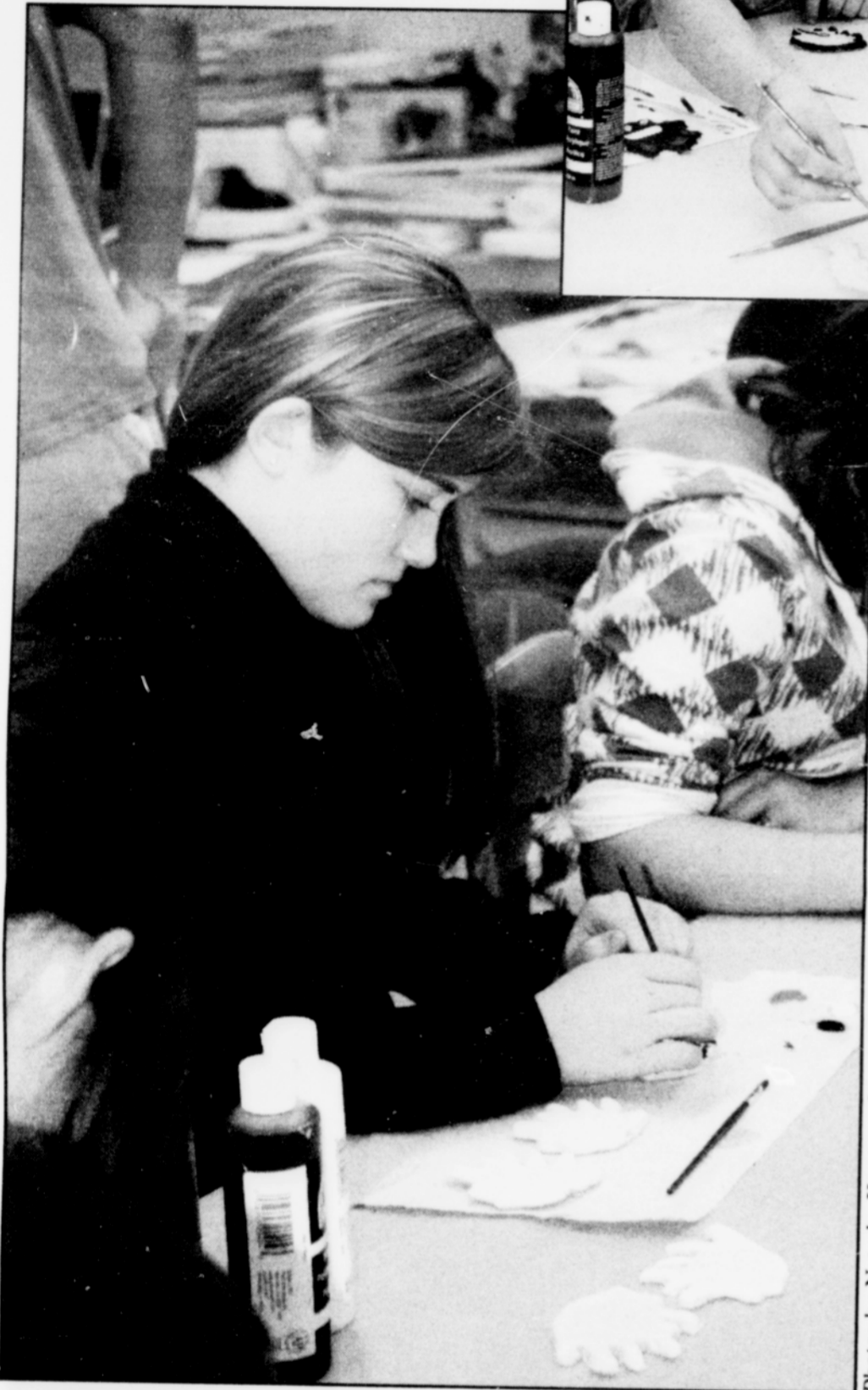


# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Cheryl Schriver's Art Class  
Siletz Valley School  
Dec. 2, 2008**

*Tiffany Stokes (below) and Samantha Reagan (right) decorate Siletz Warrior ornaments as an art class project.*



Photos by Natasha Kavanaugh

To the editor:

I am shocked and saddened after hearing about the behavior of a couple of people at the last General Council meeting. I can't always be present because of my work.

Time limits for concerns need to be imposed. It's sad to think that anyone would show such little respect to our Tribal Elders who were present.

I don't agree with the need for people running for council to attack the current government and display such disgusting behavior. I hope that Tribal members will remember their behavior when casting their ballots. We need to elect professional people who will make us proud when carrying out their Tribal Council duties and responsibilities.

Cindy Jackson



To the editor

I serve with a servant's heart. My track record motto – accountability, transparency, goal benchmarks and due diligence.

We are in a recession (per President Bush, 12/5/08). This will continue to affect our Tribal economy for some time. This is a very serious situation, one that should not be taken lightly.

Nothing gets changed if you lack the ability to make appropriate changes. Nothing gets changed if you lack credibility. And nothing gets changed if you are drowning in over-burden.

I am all about creative business, getting the job done, then moving on to the many business and personal challenges that face our Tribal members.

We need realistic assessment, realistic plans on getting our business economics moving. This builds confidence along with optimism.

I believe at this point in time with the national economy, our Tribal economy, we need to be looking at what I call bread and butter projects (low entry, with faster returns), also known as shovel to the ground-ready economic ventures.

These projects usually partner with clear strong vision.

We need to be careful and not over-reach our financial stability.

An infusion of fresh ideas can stimulate and impact Tribal programs and services. Innovative thinkers challenge assumption.

Outer Tribal areas need support and lifelines that help them understand and use existing Tribal programs, also, processing procedures. This saves Tribal time, Tribal energy and Tribal money, not to mention Tribal members who have respectfully been helped.

We need to be ahead of our game plan. Work with what works, focus on the rising cost of health care and wasteful spending. We also need to work with budgets that reflect priority and values.

If you will entrust in me, I will bring to council my years of dedicated background in business, also my positive professional optimism.

I will respect your vote, your confidence.

Respectfully,

Eva E. Clayton

## 2009

The new year has arrived and new laws are coming into affect. As many of you have heard the new smoking law says that there will be no more smoking in or within 10 feet of the following facilities:

1. Bars and taverns, including bar areas of restaurants
2. Restaurants
3. Bowling centers
4. Bingo halls
5. Private offices and commercial office buildings
6. Retail and wholesale establishments
7. Manufacturing plants and mills
8. Truck stops
9. Child and adult day care
10. Assisted living facilities
11. Movies theaters and indoor entertainment venues
12. Hotels and motels (Exception: up to 25 percent of guest rooms may be designated as smoking rooms by the owner or entity in charge)

You can think of this law as good or bad, I would like to think of it as good. It's a time for people to think about quitting and for people to go places without being surrounded by secondhand smoke.

If you have any questions or would like help quitting smoking or chewing please call, Jamie Mason, at 541-444-9659.

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