

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the membership:

I would like to thank everyone who supported me and helped to get me re-elected for another three years! I appreciate the confidence you have placed in me and I will work hard to make the best decisions for you.

I would also like to thank my family for giving me the time to serve. Being on council is a commitment that we are prepared to make.

We have many priority issues facing us as we go forward – an economy that is in recession, health care, housing and education all costing us more than ever. As a member of council, I will try my best to make decisions that will affect the membership so our services will continue. I also believe in fairness and equity so I will continue to be an advocate, whenever necessary.

Thanks again,  
Jessie Davis

To the editor:

I would like to congratulate Lisa Brown on her successful election to Tribal Council. I know Lisa has worked hard and tirelessly on behalf of the best interests of Tribal members.

Sincerely,  
Theresa Smith



To the editor:

I just wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude to Creator for life lessons and for helping me understand criticism, both productive and constructive. I've even learned from destructive criticism because it demonstrates conduct I do not wish to partake in. I want to receive people the way a leader who listens to the spirits of our ancestors would.

I thank Lynette Warren for showing me a steadfastness that our ancestors displayed at Table Rock and Big Bend in the face of powerful adversaries. 2010 is your year, Lynette! Please visit Lynette's web site, Siletz.Net, for details on matters of importance to Tribal members.

I thank Elders, many whom remain unnamed – but speak with the passion of our historic leaders about times when vibrant principles and values were recognizable in actions/words spoken. I'm so very appreciative to own copies (at 5 cents a page) of these historical documents/minutes. They're some of my most prized resources, along with Elders whom I cherish to this day.

The pen is mightier than the sword! I can hardly think this without remembering Jeanne Boardman Bard, who typed some of the first Tribal Council minutes with intentions of "putting the word out there."

Thanks to Ken Runningcrane-Real for campaign sign donations and to the folks who let me put them in yards (Chester Ben, Frank Rilatos, Darlene Taylor, Shannon Case, Victoria Nelson). I even had signs on Highway 101, Newport Chevron (gas station is Tribal-owned – Osage), and on Highway 229 (Dino Butler, Shelley Upchurch)!

I thank Tribal Council for making General Council DVDs available to Tribal members for free! These are important historical documents. A picture paints a thousand words!

Thinking of Elders I recall, Maxine Rilatos, who pushed me onward, taking time to say: "Now make sure you do this ..." I remember the twinkle I'd see in her eyes when I'd say, "Maxine, I really gave them a run for their money today ..."

I'm even grateful for exhaustion when I remember what our ancestors endured.

Thanks to all the candidates for their effort to become aware of the issues and bringing forth content that was of importance to them and folks who supported them. Congratulations to Reggie Butler Sr. and Jessie Davis on re-election!

Please contact me and tell other members I want to hear from them. Opinions and needs of Tribal members are important to me – they are my priority – 541-351-0003 or visit my website at [www.allnativecreations.com](http://www.allnativecreations.com) for e-mail.

Lisa Brown, CPS  
2009 Siletz Tribal Council Member

## PASSAGES

### The Rooster

Being born under the 10<sup>th</sup> Chinese animal sign makes for colorful and flamboyant characters. The Rooster is a feisty individual: tough, resilient, confident and strong-willed. I know a Rooster who will be 40 on March 30. Most of this fits her pretty well. Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday, my Rooster friend, Laura Bremner.

Love ya lots, Selina

Happy Birthday to Aunt Elaine on March 12. Thanks for all you do, it's appreciated.

Love, Selina

Happy Birthday, Auntie Elaine.

We love you, Mateas and Cameron

Happy Birthday to Kristi. Bris better be bringing lunch down to you too, and not just one lil bowl!

Love, Deli Girl

Happy Easter to my son, Linkin Atreux Deoni Jackson. Hope the Easter Bunny brings you lots of stuff!

Congratulations to my homegirl, Natasha K., on 18 months! You are doing great things for your recovery and keep coming back!

Love, Elaine



Congratulations to Lisa Brown for such a wonderful accomplishment in her life! Lisa, you've always been a good friend to me throughout my life. Your hard work and dedication have led you to where you are today. The Tribe's future is of utmost importance and I'm sure you'll bring positive impact to our Tribal Council. Way to go, lady!

Trish

Happy Birthday to my bratty lil brother, Dennis Carey. I know you're gonna hate me for this, but I love you and miss you a lot. I just wish you were home. And you better hurry up and come home so you can bombard me in my new house!

Love, Trish and her brats

Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary to Grammy and Bopa on March 17. We love you more than words can describe. Thank you for everything you do for us.

Love, Aurora, C.J. and our parents

Happy Birthday to Mitzi Brown on March 14. We love you, Auntie.

Love, Felicia, Carlos, Aurora and C.J.

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday on the 22nd to Quinton Jackson Q-man. You are tha man! We love you lots.

The Garcias



Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday, Baby Q. You are such a blessing.

Love, Mom, Dad and Cole-Cole

Happy Birthday, Mom. We love you lots! Fonda, Steve, Cole and Baby Q

Happy Birthday to the sweetest girl in Siletz, Chelo-Mello.

Love, Aunt Fonda, Uncle Steve, Cole and Baby Q

To my beautiful daughter, Darian – Happy 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Wow, it's hard to believe that you're ready to drive, where did the time go? I love you, babe, and hope your day is filled with lots of love and fun too! P.S. Way to go on making Honor Roll, you're awesome!

Love, Mom, Shane, Daniel and Baby Zaiden

Happy 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Angel Girl (Darian). Love, Gramcracker (Gram)

Happy 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday to my niece (Darian). Hope you have a great day!

Love, Aunt



Poppa, March 7, and Billy Dee, March 14 – I hope the both of you have a great day.

Mitzi Brown, March 14 – This is the big one. Hope you have a safe day or evening, Cuz.

Stuart on March 19 – Hope you have a nice day.

Love, Nora

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### Passages Policy



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