

LETTERS

To the editor:

I am writing regarding the website Siletz.net. I would like to stress to people to get all sides of an issue without relying on that website. It is full of negativity and destructive postings. Many things are inaccurate and without proof.

It concerns me as I think of people who live out of the area and might only get a limited amount of info about things. If one was to rely on that website and believe all that is written, one would get a very distorted view of things!

And for all the talk about "transparency in our Tribal Council," the administration of that website censors comments! I know for a fact this is true as I have been blocked from posting. When I spoke out against the views of a certain group of people on there, the block was put on! I am sure the administrator would deny that, but I know the truth!

It seems to me that an intelligent person, while they might not always agree with everything our leadership does, they would let their success speak for itself! And instead of causing so much dissension in the Tribe, use that energy to form a united bond and work for the good of the Tribe.

That same kind of logic would apply to things written in the Newport newspaper. Any reputable journalist would get both sides of the story as well as check out things to make sure they are true before printing them.

Doesn't our council have enough to keep them busy without having to be concerned about all the troublemakers around?

Cindy Jackson

To the editor:

It appears that the powers-that-be aren't happy with the results of this year's election.

Did anyone notice the election news was relegated to page 5 of the Siletz News with only a small black and white photo? That's the first time in my memory that the election result wasn't on the front page. Compare it with last year's coverage of the 2008, which was on the first page with color photos.

Also this year the Election Board erroneously reported that there were only 824 voters. That's the number that went out in the press release to the outside media. After I pointed out to the board that they were wrong about the total and that the actual number was 949 voters, they made the correction. It was buried on page 5 along with the rest of the coverage.

There were 949 voters this year, that's just seven voters shy of the 2007 record voter turnout. Now the Tribal Council majority is planning to put its own interests ahead the Tribe's by overturning the decision of those 949 voters, with the expulsion of a duly elected Tribal Council member.

Lynette Warren

Editor's note: We felt we needed to include three items on the front page - Tribal elections, an apology from a local newspaper and the Tribe's participation in Oregon's sesquicentennial celebration. We chose to include what we thought was a most colorful photo plus the two articles to accomplish our goal.

A heartfelt thank you to the cooks, cleanup crew and those who showed appreciation to the Towner family. We're so thankful for everything that took place during Gilbert Towner's services.

Geneva Towner

To Misty Van Pelt and Shannon and Ricky Jackson and family - Thank you for all your prayers and support (and all those yummy meals and snacks!) while our Joey was in the hospital. We appreciate everything!

All our best - Penny, Perry, Maddie, Ruby, Joe and Delilah

To Joe, Dink and Kimberly Lane - Thank you for helping out so much with the kids while Joseph was in the hospital. We couldn't have asked for better grandparents (and an aunt too!)

Many, many thanks and all our love - Penny, Perry, Maddie, Ruby, Joe and Delilah

A very special Happy Birthday to our mom, Esther Gray. We love you (quirks and all) very much.

Anna and Jennifer

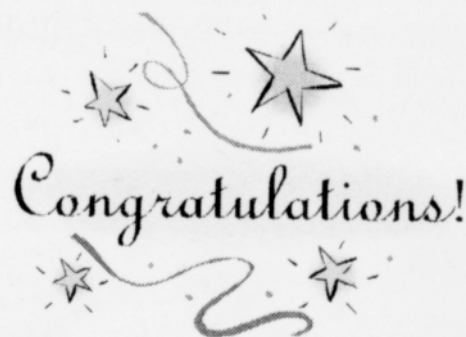
In loving memory of Joshua Daniel Scoggins. Happy B-Day, we all miss you.

Happy Birthday to my nephew, Alex Moralez.

Love, Aunt Jennifer Rae

Happy Birthday to our Grandma Esther Gray.

All the kids



To Lynette and Marvin - We wish you all the best and congratulations on your upcoming marriage. We wish you both many, many happy years together.

We love you, Denise, Mickey and gang

To Aunt Maxine - I will continue to pray for you to heal and become your old feisty self. I am ready to have her back to argue with. You and all your family are in our thoughts and prayers for healing. We love you!

Denise, Mickey and gang

Happy 28th B-day to my favorite Uncle Justin!

Love you, Aaidyn Bokuro

Happy Birthday, Auntie Kim! I love you! Love, Kyler 'KRT'

Happy Birthday to Zaiden. Welcome to the family.

Uncle Earl and Aunt Gylene

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PASSAGES



Congratulations to Robby Rilatos for shooting an elk your first year of hunting! We are so proud of you.

Love, Mom and Dad

Matthew Williams - Happy, Happy Birthday on April 18!

Love, Dad, Deb and family

Wishing you all a wonderful day!

Tylan Moore, April 12

Debbie Williams, April 15

Brandon Hammett, April 19

Love, Nora

Happy 15th Birthday to Jeff Paul!

Hugs, Aunt Wendi and Uncle Guy

To my little sister and friend, Aleta Mauer - I wish you a very Happy Birthday. Your big brother loves you. May you have many more!

Buddy

Happy Birthday, Chrissy-Joe. You're finally a teen-ager. Happy, happy 13. Love, Mom and Stuart aka (Dad Guy)

To my dad (Phil Rilatos Sr.) - I would like to wish you a very Happy Birthday. Just remember, you're not getting older, you're getting better. I love and miss you bunches. Happy Birthday!

Your daughter Denise, Mickey and grandchildren

We would like to wish all our family a Happy Easter. We love and miss you all. May God bless each and every one of you!

Love, Denise, Mickey and gang



Congratulations to Sidney Rilatos for shooting an elk your first year of hunting! We are so proud of you.

Love, Mom and Dad

We'd like to wish our little angel, Cameron Erin, a very Happy Birthday on April 11. We love you so much, Camo. We give you many hugs and kisses.

Love always, Mommy, Daddy, Mahala and Elka

Happy Birthday to our Uncle Andrew Brown on April 10. Hope you have a good one and don't scare them NARA kids too bad.

Love, Felicia, Carlos, Aurora and CJ

Happy Birthday to Nanny Tonya Fawver on April 17. We love you so much and hope your day is as wonderful as you are.

Love, Felicia, Carlos, Aurora and CJ

Happy Birthday to a wonderful, awesome, fantastic Auntie! Monique Jackson! Love, your Neph-a-leph-a-lous (Atreux Deoni), you're my favorite Auntie!

Congrats to Merica Williams on her new little bundle of joy, Brock Matthew, born March 9, 2009.

From the Girls at TLC - we love you!

Happy Birthday to the "Taurus" girl, Monique Jackson. I can't believe you're 30! Seems just like yesterday you were running around with your little baby Smurf! I'm proud of you! You're awesome!

Passages Policy



Submissions to Passages are limited to two 25-word items per person, plus one photo if desired. All birthday, anniversary and holiday wishes will appear in the Passages section. Items containing information on births, graduations, the Armed Services, weddings, engagements and deaths will appear in the Tribal Member News section.

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