

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

My name is Lillie (Logan) Butler and I am running again for Tribal Council. If re-elected, I am willing to continue serving the Siletz Tribal membership.

I am always available to take calls and return calls to the membership. I follow up on the situations at hand and will continue to do so if re-elected.

The Comprehensive Plans done in the 1980s and again done in the 1990s listed health, education, housing, and economic development as important programs. Economic development is not a program, but is business development. Profitable businesses can assist in adding dollars to increased health care, more money going into education, and increased housing development. Increased dollars are

necessary for youth employment, the Elders Program – which has increased participation, the summer intern program, health, and housing.

There are problems with programs that offer service and employment to the tribal membership and I will continue to work diligently at increasing equitable treatment to the membership.

I am willing to work on getting a better future for the Siletz Tribe. I am asking for your vote at the upcoming election.

I also encourage you to vote or register to vote in your cities, county, and state elections. It is important to have the support of the cities, counties, and state for working on Siletz Tribal affairs.

Lillie Butler



To the editor:

My name is Loraine Y. Butler and I'm running for Tribal Council again for the 2004 elections.

My father was Bruce Butler Jr. and my mother is Martha Case Moody.

I live in tribal housing here in Siletz. I've worked for the tribe for over 10 years, counting the two years I worked at the smokehouse in Depoe Bay.

A lot of you might know who I am because I work in the Enrollment office as the Enrollment clerk.

I have five children and 11 grandchildren. Three of my children work at Chinook Winds.

I feel that I could make a positive difference to the Tribal Council if I'm elected. Since I live in tribal housing, work for the tribe, and have children who work at the casino, I have knowledge of what goes on inside of the tribe. This is knowledge that you acquire from being a part of this community.

Chinook Winds Casino is our tribe's largest investment. It was built to employ our tribal members, yet out of 764 employees, only 90 of them are tribal members. I have heard horror stories of tribal members who have applied for employment there and couldn't even get an interview. These tribal members were denied an interview because of their minor criminal background.

It was brought out in the General Council meeting that minor records

were not to affect our tribal members' chances to work there. Yet it continues to happen. All tribal members deserve a chance to better themselves. If Chinook Winds would hire our members, they wouldn't have to rely on the tribe for their livelihood.

Although I believe our Tribal Council works very hard to do a good job, they have taken the power away from the people (General Council). There have been resolutions voted on and passed by the General Council at General Council meetings that were just disregarded like someone's trash. We're called the advisory board. But our advice falls on deaf ears.

The drug and alcohol abuse has become such a problem in our housing that the Tribal Council passed a resolution giving the Housing Department power to come into our homes at any time without notice to do an emergency house inspection. This is not right.

We have tribal police. Why are they not working with the Lincoln County police department to crack down on drug houses? All tribal homeowners should not have to pay for what a few do.

I have other issues that I will talk about in the Tribal Voter's Pamphlet.

Remember to register to vote. Your vote counts. You can do so by writing to the Election Board at the tribe's address.

Thank you,
Lorraine Y. Butler

To the editor:

On Nov. 1, I had the privilege of attending the General Tribal Council meeting in Siletz. During presentations from some of our General Council people, repeated interruptions by Tribal Council members clouded some of the messages. For our democratic government to survive, it is essential that the people be allowed their right to speak.

It is important that the Tribal Council members not interrupt or correct speakers during their speeches.

Joan Bensell Fisher



To the editor:

My parents (elder young) visited this holiday season. I kissed them goodbye and watched until they disappeared from site while sending a prayer along to watch over them.

Do we ever grow up as kids in the eyes of our parents? They respect us as adults and I like to think cherish us as their child or children.

With mother's many traveled miles and the many visits with family and friends along her journey, she still made time to attend our General Tribal Council meeting on Nov. 1, 2003, where I declared my candidacy for Tribal Council.

I was so honored with my family there. It was good visiting with other tribal members and sharing a wonderful lunch served to all. Thank you to those who worked behind the scenes to make this possible.

Listening to our guest speakers and those who voiced their concerns, I have a great amount of respect. If we are going to wade through some murky waters, we all need to be in the trenches! Strength comes from within each and every one of us. I challenge others to get involved.

I look forward to visiting with you this holiday season along the campaign trail.

Merry Christmas,
Eva E. Clayton

To the editor:

We would like to take the time to thank the Northwest Indian Veterans Association (NIVA) Portland/Vancouver Chapter for their most recent generous donation of salmon to our tribal elders in the Portland, Salem, and Eugene areas.

The NIVA members are Darrell Eastman, president; Alvey Seeyouma, vice-president; Jack Quincy, treasurer; Lisa Graham, secretary; Stevie Thomas, sergeant at arms; Dave Smith, chaplain; Dan Foster, office director; and Arlene Stokes, office secretary, as well as the members/associate members: Billy Robinson, Nanette Robinson, Koda Robinson, John Campbell, Ted Skinner, Sande Allman, Shanon Anzjon, Darren Black, Frank Dean, James Fuson, John Halfmoon, Dave Hancock, Vickie Hart, John Heed, Sheryl Juber, Marcella Kantjas, John King, Sheila Kirk, Ron Murphy, Gisela Patterson, Sarah Patterson, Karen Patterson, Harold Paul, Payne Family, Pam Philpot, Rudy Padora, Anthony Quenelle, Jesse Quenelle, Diana Rogers, Randy Schanck, Jessica Schreiber, Sherry Scott, Tony Vader, Iva Walker, and Vicki Whalen.

Our elders tell us that the salmon is our brain food, as the Siletz are salmon people. We thank you, our veterans, for all that you do for us, our heroes of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Many blessings! Hum'Chi.

Selene Rilatos

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