

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

As the year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have helped me throughout the year with the development of the Siletz Small Business Program and the Siletz Tribal Action Network (S.T.A.N.).

Without their help, I wouldn't have been able to assist so many Siletz Tribal members, their families, and Chinook Winds Casino Resort employees.

This year, the Small Business program has helped several Siletz Tribal members open new businesses and prepare themselves for business ownership.

We have had **201 participants** in the S.T.A.N. workshop program during the past year!

I hope 2007 will bring more opportunity for these programs to continue to grow.

I would like to thank the Siletz Tribal Council and the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation board for their vision and ongoing support of these programs.

Brenda Bremner, CTSI general manager, and Tina Retasket, assistant general manager, for never being too busy to answer my questions and help to promote the programs.

The Siletz Tribe Revolving Credit Board for its assistance with the Small Business Loan Program, and Stephanie Morrow, credit officer.

Rene' Deras for his continued dedication to the success of the S.T.A.N. program and his expertise in handling the financial information for the Small Business Program.

Diane Rodriguez, editor of *Siletz News*, for her continued help in marketing the programs.

Heather Hatton, Chinook Winds Casino Resort publicist, for helping me advertise the programs in *Tillicums*.

And to everyone else who has helped me to "make a difference in the lives of those we serve," thank you, I appreciate your help!

Rosie Sufficool

Business Information Counselor
S.T.A.N. Coordinator

To the editor:

It was requested from a tribal member that the TC write a report to the newsletter when they travel on what the training was for and what benefit it had to tribal members.

I am the Tribal Council representative for our ICW Department and because I was asked by the Warm Springs Tribe to go and speak on behalf of our children and families on Oct. 3, 2006, I attended a conference entitled West/Southwest Methamphetamine Legislative and Policy Planning Conference.

It was held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Because of the large number of children who are being removed from homes of parents who are addicted to methamphetamine and other drugs, and the amount of time that the children are in foster care, Congress passed the Adoption and Safe Families Act.

One of the requirements from this act is that parents have one year to 18 months to complete a long list of requirements to get their children back. If they are not in compliance in that short time frame, the children are adopted out or put into permanent care.

I feel that with the extent of time it takes for recovery from meth and other addictions that this time line is too short.

I went to this conference to request that the government look at these time frames and increase them. It was noted and will be taken back to the president and discussed.

It is my hope that because of the people who **have** recovered from meth and the studies that show there is hope for these families, the government will increase the time lines.

If you have any questions about my trip or the policy, please call me at 541-444-2031.

Loraine Y. Butler
Tribal Council Member

To the editor:

I have decided not to run for Tribal Council this year for personal reasons. I declared prematurely and decided that due to finances, I would wait a year in order for me to pay off some bills and be better prepared financially to run for council.

I appreciate all the comments of support for running - I will count on your votes next year.

I wish all candidates good luck in the upcoming tribal elections.

Sincerely,
Tina M. Retasket



To the editor:

Dear Chinook Winds Employees:

A very momentous occasion slipped past us this past August - the final payment on the debt service for Chinook Winds Casino. I couldn't let it pass without sending a thank you to the staff there at Chinook Winds.

Without all of your hard work over many long hours, Chinook Winds would not be the success it has become. Each and every one of you has contributed to that success in your own way and the tribe reached its goal of paying off that debt. We couldn't have done it without all of your hard work and dedication.

I know you don't hear it often enough, but I want each of you to know how much I appreciate your contributions.

Sincerely,
Tina M. Retasket
Grateful Tribal Member

Elder Council Meeting

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Dec. 9

Chinook Winds Conference Center

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