

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hello Tribal Members:

I would like to take a little time to thank all the Tribal members who supported me in this year's election.

Every few days I take a ride around Siletz, just to look at all the building that is going on in our town.

Some of these projects have been in the planning stages for many years. I am proud to have been on the council and watched some of the past council's dreams come true.

The Fitness Center: I try to work out at least four times a week. Haven't lost any weight yet, but I have lost inches and I feel 100% better.

They have started to build the much-needed repository building for the storage of our Tribal collections. It should be finished before pow-wow. If you have been up at the culture offices lately, you know how much we need this building. We are looking forward to the day when our museum is built and our collections will be out for all to enjoy and share.

The USDA building is almost ready to move into. I took a little tour today. It is huge and is so nice. It is going to be a great place to store our food, and easy access for the big semi trucks and for Tribal members.

The new gym is huge and it is awesome. It is good to know that the Siletz Tribe supports its youth. Hopefully, the fitness center and the new gym will help promote healthy and happy adults and children.

We are looking forward to the future expansion of our health clinic.

The housing office expansion is almost finished. This expansion will provide offices for the new Force Account, which I am happy to say has been a great success. They do a great job.

This summer the units at the Lakeside property in Lincoln City will become a reality.

It has been a busy last three years since I was elected to the Tribal Council. I am looking forward to the next three years. I will try hard to always listen to your concerns and make decisions that are good and fair for all our people.

Thank you,
Loraine Y. Butler

To the editor:

I'd like to say a huge **thank you** to everyone who voted for me in the 2008 elections. I hit the floor running, with my first set of meetings the very next week. In addition to the Council meetings, I have been assigned as the Tribal Council representative to the Health Committee, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, COHO Benefits Committee, and alternate for the Oregon Indian Education Association, Oregon Indian Education Council, Siletz Management Incorporated Board, and Government to Government Safety Cluster.

I have submitted my resignation as Assistant General Manager, effective May 31, or when the job is filled. Tribal Administration advertised the job for 30 days and is now in the screening process. I am certain they will find a well-qualified candidate to assume the position, at which time I can focus more clearly on my Council duties.

I am thankful for the opportunity that is before me to serve the Tribal membership in this new capacity. It will be sad for me to leave my employment with the Siletz Tribe. I have been working here in one capacity or another, off and on, since 1983. I know that I will be working in a different capacity on the Tribal Council, but I hope to put as much effort and energy into those responsibilities as I have during my employment.

Again, thank you for electing me to Tribal Council.

Sincerely,
Tina M. Retasket

Don't forget to vote

– by May 16 –

**in the Constitutional
Amendment Election.**



To the editor:

On behalf of Chinook Winds Casino Resort and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, we want to present the opportunity to participate in our First Annual Oregon Native Market. This event (on May 23-25, 2008) was created to host authentic Native Products and Artisans from across the country with a focus on the Northwest. We are asking for your participation in a number of ways.

First, please spread the word amongst your Tribe regarding this terrific and cost-effective opportunity to present their products and creations. We are offering booth space for only \$25 per 10X10 space for the weekend. In addition, Chinook Winds Casino Resort will be hosting a Native show starring the incredibly talented Robert Mirabal in celebration of Oregon Indian Week.

The second opportunity to participate is as an attendee. Even if you are not exhibiting, we want you to celebrate with us over the weekend. Please come and support your fellow Tribal artists and craftsman and spread the word!

Last but not least, please assist us in making contact with those whom you think would make a great fit for this event. While we are very active in contacting Tribal Vendors, we know there are more out there that we don't know about.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter as we look forward to speaking with you in person. Hope to see you where "It's Better at the Beach."

Best Wishes,

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Dear Valued Partner:

I am writing to let you know that, effective May 30, 2008, the Oregon Department of Human Services is implementing a tobacco-free campus policy at approximately 50 worksites. The policy will apply to all employees, clients, and visitors at those locations. As a valued DHS partner, we want to let you know about this change well in advance and request your assistance in making this an easy transition.

The new policy initially will prohibit the use of all tobacco products in any DHS building and surrounding campus wholly owned or leased by DHS. As we renew leases at other locations, the policy will be extended to those sites as well. Eventually all DHS campuses will be tobacco-free.

We hope you share our enthusiasm about this change. Through it we are creating healthier environments for ourselves and our visitors, and are serving as examples of the healthy behaviors we encourage in others. We also are working with other state agencies as they consider adopting similar policies.

We have worked diligently to ensure the success of this policy. Most of our recent efforts have been focused on preparing employees by educating them about the policy and launching a quit campaign. However, we want to make certain that people working with DHS also are prepared for the policy change. We have cessation resources. We encourage you to make use of this information and to share it with others. To access these resources, go to www.dhs.state.or.us/tobfree.

Thank you for your support as DHS takes a big step toward a healthier DHS and a healthier Oregon.

Sincerely,
Bruce Goldberg, M.D.
Director

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