

To the editor:

Where do I start? So many subjects demand attention and scrutiny. (Judge Gantenbien ruled against me 6/11/09 – I plan to appeal the decision.) I want members to get their piece of the “pie,” not just crumbs left after less-than-favorable economic development actions.

Chinook Winds Casino Resort (CWCR) gaming enterprise advertised for a general manager? It’s my opinion this position should not have been advertised, rather it should be filled, as is, with Sar Richards.

The salary for a GM is excessive in relation to the cost of living for Lincoln City. We cannot compare apples (Spirit Mountain) with oranges (CWCR). We don’t have the flexibility on the coast, income for some major businesses has taken a 20 percent cut each year for the past three years. This trend does not support increasing staffing or salary, instead we should promote/hire Tribal members and not re-advertise for positions recently eliminated or vacated.

We should be cutting corners where possible and this is an appropriate place to begin. As a Tribal member is currently in this position, it should remain so. It would be a proper action to identify another Tribal member whom Sar would mentor to fill the position he previously held, with a “reasonable” salary.

Time for advertising/recruiting costs is punitively excessive and with the economy as it is we do not have the luxury for increased expenses of a GM as mentioned by our Tribal chairman in her report.

CWCR has intentions to remodel suites in July? Summertime is bad timing,

they should reschedule for mid-September. CWCR plans to go “green” by purchasing alternative fuel vehicles? This is another perk that’s not justifiable. Will it be provided across the board, so all classes of employees and members can benefit? Or will it be a preferential opportunity?

CWCR has provided meals for employees for years and throughout time there has been no review of the efficiency of this process. It’s long overdue that an objective/unbiased efficiency consultant is hired to review CWCR, Siletz Tribal, clinic administration/programs.

I appreciate the contact info received from members who have skills/expertise in these areas, your services/input will serve the Tribe well. It would be preferable that we start a list of Tribal members who can serve as consultants regarding the present/future Tribal enterprises and endeavors.

Bottom line – Tribal members should be consulted on matters such as these. They need to be considered as shareholders. Bi-annual meetings should be initiated, where details would be discussed and voted on by members.

I welcome comments. 541-444-1290, P.O. Box 586, Siletz, OR 97380. Until then I suggest you visit a site on constitutional reform. If our elected leaders/majority will not initiate positive change, then the people will need to do it themselves – www.fngovernance.org/toolkit/Laws_Jurisdictions/ExpandYourJurisdiction/Best_Practices_for_Constitution_Reform_Process.pdf.

Yours truly,
Lisa Brown, CPS



To the editor:

Our state legislature is in session until at least June 30, charged with the responsibility of balancing Oregon’s 2009-11 budget at a most challenging time. With a predicted income shortfall of over \$4 billion, legislators must weigh the needs of all our citizens and adjust the budget through some combination of cutting costs and raising revenue. It’s a tightrope act!

Lincoln County is fortunate to have two very dedicated legislators: Sen. Joanne Verger of Coos Bay and Rep. Jean Cowan of Newport. Both are aware of the challenges, care deeply and listen to their constituents. They “get it.” The Central Coast chapter of Stand for Children supports their work as they represent the needs and values of our district.

When families lose their jobs and perhaps their homes, they need more, not fewer services. Education is the key to helping children succeed but when school budgets are cut, class sizes increase and children can get lost in the system. Child abuse cases increase during a recession, but needed services for hurting children face deep cuts. These are just a few of the hurdles facing people here in Lincoln County and all over Oregon.

Stand for Children statewide has delivered over 8,000 postcards to legislators stating our support for increased state revenues and the need to maintain critical services for vulnerable citizens.

We have spoken with and know that both Sen. Verger and Rep. Cowan recognize the necessity of seeking new revenues in order to keep the doors of our schools open and to provide even reduced levels of public safety and human services.

Revenue increases we definitely support, as they will share the tax burden and won’t affect those who have already been hit hard by the economic crisis, are:

Changes to the Corporate Minimum Tax Adding a Corporate Income Tax bracket New income tax brackets for household incomes over \$250,000 Closing tax loopholes

Concerned Oregon citizens are coming together, through groups such as Stand for Children (www.stand.org/or/) and Tax Fairness Oregon (<http://taxfairnessoregon.org/>), to support our legislature’s work to make Oregon’s tax system more fair for individuals and families. Please show your support also by letting Rep. Cowan and Sen. Verger know that their work on our behalf is valued.

Sincerely,
Central Coast Stand for Children Strategy Team Leaders: Billie Jo Smith, Vicki Osis, Alice McCain, JoAnn Barton, Debbie Kilduff, Ineka Estabrook, Mary Lou Boice, Brenda Brown, Teri Kimberling

I would like to wish my wonderful husband a Happy Father’s Day. You are a great father and husband. And you will be just as great with our new addition. Thank you for being you. We both love you very much.

Kylee Mae and Mandi

Happy Belated Birthday to Shy! I forgot to wish you a Happy Birthday in June, but I never forget your birthday or you! I don’t see you enough or get to sit and chat, but I have the fondest memories and I love you very much! Say hi to the kids for me! Happy Birthday.

Auntie Sue

Happy Birthday to my favorite son-in-law – and that’s not just because you’re my only son-in-law. I don’t think I’ve ever admired anyone as I do you. What a blessing when this “Blackfeet” came into our lives! I don’t tell you just how much I appreciate you and your example to our family and community! Happy Birthday, Stuart Marceau.

Grammy and Papa (aka: Sue and Gary)

I hope my young mom, Carol Williams, has a beautiful day on July 10.

Love you, Nora

To one of my favorite bros, Scotty Williams – I hope you have safe and happy day on July 22.

Love, your favorite sis Norieago from Grove

Happy Birthday on July 19 to Nina Paul. We hope you have a wonderful day! We all love you.

Wendi, Guy, Mom, Clark, Jeff and David

Congrats to our brat – you graduated the 8th grade. We love you a ton! Jasper Billie is now a man!

Love – Mom, Dad, lil Abby and lil Rella

Happy 10th Birthday, Emily. We love you lots.

Auntie Wee-oo, Cameron and Mateas; Auntie Shanney, Uncle Steve, Cheney and Ella

Happy Birthday, Grama Gail in Alaska, on July 4. We hope you come and visit us soon.

We love you – Cheney, Cameron, Mateas and Ella

Happy 12th Birthday to Frankie Rlatos. We are so proud of all you have accomplished in sports, school and life.

Love, Dad and family

Happy Birthday to “My Precious” Kurtis Barker on July 27! I hope you have a wonderful birthday ... you deserve it.

P.S. Not It! Love you!
Felicia “The Queen” Carmona

I’d like to say good job to my son, Hayden Thomas Worman. He completed his second year of Head Start and will move on to the “big school” kindergarten.

I love you, Mom

Happy Birthday to our son, Jesse Cordova. Have a wonderful day.

Love ya, from your Cordova family and Navy and Cannie

Congratulations to Donald Simmons Jr. on the birth of his new daughter, Lovina Dawn Simmons. She was born in Eugene on June 6 and weighed 2 pounds, 3 ounces.

Happy Birthday, Auntie Vanessa, on July 6. Love, Gunther, Little O, Monster and Kai Kai

Happy Birthday to our Uncle Donald on July 26.

Love, Hunter, Lanaya, Talon and Kai

To my president – Happy 9th Birthday, Tye-man. I just can’t believe how fast you’re growing! I’m very proud of you – way to make all-stars!

Love, your secret service aka Mama

To my son, Tye-master – Happy Birthday, love! I had an awesome time coaching you again this year! You’re a home run hitter! You’re an all-star!

Love, Daddy

To our “lil” Bro – Happy 9th Birthday, Tye-Matthew. You’re a good “lil” bro. We know you’ll get everything you want – spoiled!

Luv ya, Sis and Aaron

Savannah – Congratulations for the awards you received and the good job you did with Zeus at Bow Wow by the Sea (4-H). One puppy trained – two more to go.

Love, Boo Boo and Cliff

Jen Easter – Good job on graduating from high school. Learn from all your experiences and don’t give up until you get what you want out of life.

Love, your friend/cuzin, Marci Simmons

Ava Johnson – Big Happy 1st Birthday to you, cuzin. All the great ones were born July 22.

Luv, Marci

Mom – Happy Birthday on July 5. Love ya! Marci and Cliff

Happy 4th Birthday, Kai, on July 24. Love you more than the world!

Love, Dad and Grandma Connie

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