

Tribal members:

On Nov. 19, my husband, Ken Blacketer, and I met with Tribal employees and were given financial reports for the month of October for all 22 of the Tribe's Morgan Stanley investment accounts.

In researching these accounts, we came across an account titled "CTSI - Tribal Council Gaming Contingency." The Tribe's financial officer has clarified the purpose of this account. Any unspent portion of the Siletz Tribal Gaming Commission's budget goes into this account for "future reserve." The current market value of this account is \$224,207. This is not standard business practice in state or federal government. Unspent budget money is generally returned to the government.

In July 2007, a Wells Fargo Elder's Stipend Endowment account was opened with a deposit of \$100,000. In July 2008, another \$224,259 was added to this account. In addition, there is a "Short Term" investment account that was opened with Seattle Northwest at the exact same time as the Elder's Stipend account, except this account was opened with \$625,619 as opposed to the \$100,000 for the Elders. The SNW Short Term account received an additional \$680,002 in the same month the

Elder's account received \$224,259.

In August 2009, the SNW Short Term account received another \$648,000 while the Elder's Stipend account received zero dollars. The total amount invested in the SNW Short Term account is \$1,953,612, as opposed to the \$324,259 for the Elders. The Elder's Stipend account has lost 7 percent of its value over time, while the Short Term account is now worth 10 percent more than when it was opened.

A "Capital Replacement" account was opened in February 2003 with a deposit of \$40,000. This account has received a \$50,000 deposit every year since. The account is now worth 1 percent more than when it was opened. What is "Capital Replacement" and why is it important? I don't have a clue. What I do know is that \$2,082,726 (current market value of SNW Short Term account) divided by 500 elders is \$4,165 per elder. Why not give this money as a one-time stipend to our elders so they may travel, pay bills and live more comfortably?

For a more complete account of the approximately 70 million tribal dollars invested in the U.S. stock market, see my reports on Siletz.net.

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Editor's note: Tribal funds identified above for Elders' stipends are in an account to save for future Elders distributions as the number of Elders grows in the future.

## John Anderson and The Kentucky Headhunters

### Performers Mix Traditional with New

It's been more than a quarter century since John Anderson changed country music the first time. That was back in the '80s when that jaw-dropping country voice combined with huge hits like *Wild And Blue* and *Swingin'* to pave the way for the decade's neo-traditional movement.

In the early '90s, he did it again with *Seminole Wind*, a bona fide classic that reignited his career and helped fan the flames of the coming country explosion with hits like *Straight Tequila Night* and the album's unforgettable title track.

Appearing with Anderson in concert on Jan. 8-9 is the Grammy-winning act, The Kentucky Headhunters, who devised their name as an offshoot of Muddy Waters' legendary band.

The Kentucky Headhunters always have been proud to forge new musical ground more than just a little left of center of the Nashville trends. They've made their mark as a controversial band, as influenced by heavy metal and the blues as they have been by the bluegrass of their heritage.

Show time is 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$10 to \$25.

## Tower of Power to Share Urban Soul Music in Concert at Casino

For more than 40 years, Tower of Power has been creating its own kind of soul music. Since 1968, it has delivered its unique brand of music to its fans, appearing before soldout crowds as it toured the world each year.

You can catch the group live in concert for two great shows at the Chinook Winds showroom on Jan. 22-23.

Tower of Power's sound can be hard to categorize, but the band's leader and founding member, Emilio Castillo, has labeled its sound as "urban soul music."

The group's rhythm section lays down a groove like no other band. Its horn-driven sound is unique and the way it approaches everything, from writing and arranging to mixing and performing, is totally its own. Combine all of that with an outstanding lead vocalist and you have one of the most dynamic groups of musicians to ever hit the stage.

Show time is 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$15 to \$30.

## Tesla to Rock Lincoln City

Multi-platinum rockers Tesla are set for two great shows at Chinook Winds on Feb. 5-6 as part of the Forever More tour.

With hits like Love Song, Modern Day Cowboy and Signs as well as songs from the new album, Forever More, Tesla fans won't want to miss this show.

Show time is 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$15 to \$30.

To the editor:

I would like to thank the people responsible for working to provide Tribal members all the benefits we enjoy today. We have so much to be thankful for.

With Tribal elections in February 2010, it is important as in any election for people to scrutinize the candidates and look at their qualifications. Council members seeking re-election have voting records that show what they have supported and it is so important that they follow the Constitution and policies established by the Tribe. No one should hold a seat on council who has voted against upholding the Constitution and failed to support the policies that prevent jeopardizing of Tribal assets.

Tribal members have written to the editor with various problems they have encountered and council should continue to find out the facts and try to solve problems. Hopefully, we can elect dedicated members who have demonstrated good judgment in representing the membership, supporting our Constitution and enforcing policies to preserve what has been accomplished.

I would hope that Tribal members

base their election choices on facts of demonstrated leadership, credibility and performance rather than unfounded claims and too often wild accusations appearing in letters and blogs. Tribal Council had a responsibility to address issues that ultimately resulted in removal of a council member for cause. It is unfortunate and disappointing that the action was necessary.

Tribal Council did not ignore or invalidate Tribal member votes. A Tribal member was elected to council. The actions of the individual, by ignoring the responsibilities of a council member, resulted in removal.

We elect Tribal members to council to move us forward as they have consistently done. In the course of doing that work, it is unfortunate but necessary that they address even the most difficult and unpleasant issues.

I hope that in their election choices, Tribal members will recognize and reward the performance and leadership that has brought us from Restoration to our current success. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Horner

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