

To the editor:

Hello, my name is Ray Blacketer. My brother, Kenneth R. Blacketer, Jr., is running for Tribal Council in the upcoming elections.

My brother was a straight A student in school. While in the military, he was an operator of a U.S. Army Pershing Mobile Nuclear Missile Unit during the later 1960s in Europe. After that he worked as a logger until he was injured and then worked for the City of Eugene Airport.

While at the airport, he was nominated as an employee union representative and advocate, providing employee union representation in disputes between employees and the City of Eugene. He was attending college during this interim, focusing on economics and political science.

He has worked as the Tribal Court administrator and clerk and in the Siletz Accounting Department. He worked briefly for the casino Marketing Department.

For these reasons, my brother would be an excellent Tribal Council representative. He has the training in economics and experience in our accounting practices to ask tough questions regarding our economic enterprises and investments. He has practical knowledge of employee/employer dispute resolution, along with training and experience in our Tribal Court, its ordinances and Tribal policies.

During the 1960s, the Vietnam War was in full swing and when my brother joined, he expected to be sent to Nam. After testing and evaluating my brother's aptitude, intelligence and capabilities, however, they chose to train him in operating and setting up mobile nuclear missiles, even though he didn't have a college degree.

These missiles were mounted on trailers and trucked to wherever they were sent. He was stationed in Germany. His unit would receive orders to proceed to certain coordinates and to set up their missiles to be deployed to designated targets in Russia. He never knew if it was a training mission or if we were truly going to war with Russia.

These abilities and experiences, along with the training and experience Kenneth has accumulated since that time, would make him an excellent person to be chosen to represent Tribal members on the Siletz Tribal Council.

I know many are undecided on who to vote for. I'm urging you to consider and vote for my brother as your representative to Tribal Council.

For all the Tribal members who chose to not vote but want to see a change in our direction as a Tribe, I am asking you to do something different and to take a minute to fill out your ballot and mail it.

If we keep doing the same thing over and over again, we will get the same results. If you want different results, I urge you to vote for my brother, Kenneth R. Blacketer, Jr.

Ray Blacketer

Hello Tribal Members:

My name is Kurtis Barker and I'm asking for one of your votes this coming election.

I work for the Tribe's Self-Sufficiency Program as the administrative monitoring specialist and I've been with the program for a little over three and a half years.

I really enjoy working for this program and the Tribe. I'm dedicated to serving our membership and I would now like to serve in a higher capacity, as a council member. Although I'm only 25 years old, I have the experience and maturity to serve all the membership. I believe my age is a benefit; I can bring new ideas and a different perspective to the council.

I was raised in Siletz and graduated from both Siletz Middle School and Toledo High School. As a senior in high school, I was class president. I attended college in Albany and Newport and I plan on going back to school to complete a degree in business.

Before starting with the Tribe, I worked at a local grocery store for about six years. I started from the bottom and worked my way up to a supervisor. I started with the Tribe as an assistant and clerk. For six months, I served as acting director of the Self-Sufficiency Program and often still do in the absence of the director. I monitor an annual budget of a little more than \$2.3 million.

If elected, I will make it a priority to improve youth prevention services, look at creating a youth council and seek funding for more mental health services. The children of our Tribe are the future. We need to give them an opportunity to be involved and participate in all that our Tribe offers. The Tribe needs more mental health services. Too many of these services are being referred out. We need to provide these services to our Tribal members in house.

We have many Tribal members who are unemployed and have little or no skills. I would like to see Tribal Council partner with programs and our business ventures to create training programs for Tribal members regardless of income or situation.

Most Tribal programs have eligibility requirements that many don't meet. With the economy the way it is, we should be training Tribal members so that they can find work to support themselves and their families.

These are a few of the projects I would like to emphasize if elected. I'm hoping that you will support me this coming election and thanks to those who have supported me thus far.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at Kurtisbarker@hotmail.com. I look forward to your comments and questions.

Respectfully,
Kurtis Barker
Tribal Council Candidate

To the editor:

I am once again declaring my candidacy for Tribal Council in the 2010 election. I have been honored and proud to serve on the Tribal Council for the past several years.

The challenges today are almost as challenging as was Restoration. Providing services to Tribal members is a top priority as it has always been. I will work diligently for you and do my best to represent the Tribe in a professional manner.

Thank you all for your support over the years.

Delores Pigsley

Cheela fellow Tribal members:

My name is Bud Lane and I am a candidate for Tribal Council in the upcoming election. I am currently on the council and have been since 2003. I was also on the council in the 1980s and early '90s for a total of 13 years. I consider it an honor and a privilege to be elected and serve in Tribal government.

There are many challenging issues facing our people. Tribal government continues to provide the many services Tribal members enjoy from many different sources. Health care, housing and education are just a few of the programs that the Tribal government operates on behalf of our people, with funding from federal, state, Tribal and other resources. As with all Tribal programs, the Tribal government is continually seeking ways to meet the basic needs of our people.

Members of council also meet often with federal, state, local and other Tribal governments. I have represented our Tribe's interests in many meetings over the years in Salem, Washington, D.C., and with other Tribes and organizations around the country, along with other members of the Tribal Council. If I am re-elected, I will continue to represent our Tribe to the best of my ability.

Today, one of the threats facing our Tribe is keeping our sovereignty and preserving our rights as Siletz people, who descend from all of the different Tribes and bands of Western Oregon.

There continue to be claims made on our ceded lands and our original reservation and I for one am not willing to let the lands and rights that our ancestors fought for be assumed by others. This is a struggle in which we must prevail and I will do everything I can to see that we do.

In these tough economic times, our main economic enterprise, our Chinook Winds Casino Resort, has done relatively well. We are looking forward to a better New Year for it and our other enterprises as the overall economy improves.

We continually look at ways to improve what we have and develop new businesses to secure a better economic future for our people. In closing, if I am re-elected I will continue to the best I can to represent our people and to insure that our members are treated equitably and fairly. Thank you for your vote of confidence in me.

Sincerely,
Alfred "Bud" Lane III

Dear Siletz Tribal members:

My name is Melinda Logan and I am running for Tribal Council in the 2010 elections. For those of you who do not know me, I am a descendant of Abram Logan, a Tututni Tribal member, and Louisa Woodman Logan, a Chetco Tribal member. My grandfather was Elmer Logan and my father was Leonard "Buster" Logan.

I currently work at Chinook Winds Casino Resort as a Keno manager. I have worked at CWCRC for nearly 12 years, which includes 10 years of management.

Some of the experience and knowledge that I have obtained are departmental budgeting, generating revenue, minimizing costs, supervising employees, resolving issues and concerns, and writing policies and procedures.

If I am elected, I intend to improve the economic challenges of the Tribe through proper budgeting and spending of federal funding that the Tribe receives for health care, education and housing.

I will also do my best in assisting the Tribe to prosper economically by seeking greater returns on financial investments, helping the Tribe prepare for the future generation and to continue the success of Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

In closing, I am asking for your support.

Cordially,
Melinda Logan

To the editor:

Hello, my name is Santos Curiel, a fellow Siletz Tribe member, who happens to also sell at Power Auto Group in Newport. I say Power Auto Group because we have access to many makes and models with 15 brands of automobiles and motorsports (including motorcycles, ATVs, featuring Yamaha), not just Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep.

Were you aware we have a special buying program (may not include previously discounted or sale vehicles) available exclusively to Siletz Tribe members? This is not advertised or available to the general public and has only been provided upon request. Why go anywhere else when I can save you hundreds or maybe even thousands dollars?

So call me first, before you go somewhere else and pay too much. Thanks to this exclusive program, you can count on us for preferred customer treatment, great deals, low prices, top trade-in values and the largest selection of new or pre-owned on the Oregon Central Coast. Mention this article and I'll even include your first oil change when we put your deal together.

Contact me, Santos, directly at 541-265-4601 or e-mail me at santos@powerford.com and I'll make sure you are included in this program. Can't make it in during business hours? I can tailor my schedule around yours for evenings and weekends too.

I am looking forward to meeting you soon.

Sincerely,
Santos Curiel