

To the editor:

The family of Wilma Strong sincerely appreciates the thoughtfulness of everyone for prayers, flowers, money and food. Thank you Nancy Simmons, Delores Pigsley, Chinook Winds, Ardella Parr, Douglas Brown, Maria Westervelt, and Tonya and Kirk Mitchell.

Thank you William Lane (Buster) for a beautiful service in honor of our mom, grandmother and great-grandmother. Thank you Ronald Butler Jr. and Darlene Smith for the beautiful songs.

A special thank you Elouise Case for all the years of being mom's prayer partner.

Sincerely,

The Strong Family (Jack, Rosa, Joel and Joella) Angela Martin and family  
Corey Strong and family Marc Muniz-Strong and family



Courtesy photo by Chinook Winds staff

Chinook Winds General Manager Mike Fisher (left) and Marketing Director Eric Smileus present a check to Fire Chief Don Baker.

## Annual contribution to fire district solidifies community partnership

A contribution in the amount of \$71,478 has been made to the North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District as an ongoing partnership between Chinook Winds Casino Resort, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the fire district.

In a recent letter from the district Fire Chief Don Baker stated, "The fire district greatly appreciates the past and future support of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the opportunity to provide Chinook Winds Casino Resort with fire protection and emergency services."

Every budget year, the fire district and Chinook Winds enter into an agreement of funds to assist the district in providing fire protection and emergency services to Tribal properties held in trust. The district determines what money is needed in order to service all the properties owned by the Tribe and submits the requested amount.

"We are proud of our partnership with North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District. The Tribe and the casino know the importance of strong community partnerships like this one," said Chinook Winds General Manager Mike Fisher.

## Cherry City Derby Girls all-star bout scheduled for Chinook Winds

Chinook Winds Casino Resort is proud to present The Cherry City Derby Girls, a derby bout with all-stars from this competitive girls league, on Jan. 24

This event showcases the best athletes from the four teams in the Salem league. Doors open at 6 p.m. at the Convention Center and the all-star bout starts at 7 p.m.

The Cherry City Derby Girls started its league in 2009, one of just six leagues in Oregon. More than 5,000 Derby Roller Girls leagues exist worldwide and many of them are located in the U.S.

The leagues are amateur level, so these girls do it for the love of the sport. The girls pick out unique names to represent their colorful personalities and intimidate the other skaters.

The game consists of two 30-minute

sessions with a haltime break. Each team has five roller girls on the track at a time – one pivot skater, who sets the pace of the rest of the skaters; three blockers, who are both offensive and defensive skaters; and one jammer, the skater who can score for her team.

As many as eight skating referees and 10 non-skating officials attend each bout. Many dedicated volunteers help make this sport happen.

Each team has a charity it supports – Liberty House, Marion Polk Food Share, Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Center and Salem Friends of Felines. All the hard work the players and staff put in to run this league helps their community.

Advanced tickets are \$10, day of the event \$15; children age 5 and under are free.



Siletz Public Library

To the editor:

Thank you, Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, for the 14-3770 grant that helped pay for our deep cleaning of the library. Without this generous grant, the Siletz Valley Friends of the Library would not be able to see to the yearly cleaning of the library.

These monetary resources enable us to have a local reliable company come in and clean the whole inside of the library, leaving the staff to take care of the needs of the patrons. Our library staff is so small that without the generosity of the STCCF, the fixtures, i.e., carpets, chairs, would have to be replaced much sooner.

Thank you again, STCCF.

Audrey Casper, SVFOL board member



My dear fellow Tribal members:

I trust everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. Once again we are nearing election time. I am Cynthia (Bellinger) Farlow, #58, and I am running for Tribal Council and my intent is to serve and represent you and all our people in a fair and impartial way.

For more than 20 years before moving back to Oregon in 2003, I was a profitable business owner and officer of my own profitable business corporation. Over the course of the past decade, I owned my own small gift shop in Lincoln City, have been employed by Siletz Tribal Economic Development and Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

I have served as an elected officer on the Elders Council, served on various committees for the Elder's Gathering and authored the Siletz Elder's Cookbook as a fundraiser, increasing our "Best Wishes" fund by \$4,000.

While our Tribe has come a long way since those early days of restoration and the growing pains of forming our own government, we must not lose sight of the hard work and dedication it will take to continue to reclaim our lands and resources while achieving self-sufficiency.

In the upcoming election, my primary focus is economic diversification, economic development and land base growth.

I want to hear from you, I want to know your views and opinions, questions and comments. My email is cynfarlow@gmail.com and you can reach me at 541-351-1054, text or call.

I very much hope you consider voting for me in the upcoming Siletz Tribal Council Elections.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Farlow, Tribal Elder

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