

TO THE EDITOR:

As a tribal member, I find it interesting how the Tribal Council works. When it comes to Tribal members concerns, the Tribal Council just sits and listens but nothing is done. When it comes to job openings, for instance the Area Offices' supervisors, the Tribal Council just sits and passes it without any questions. Why are there so many problems in the Portland Area office?

There are so many whys but no answers. I did not vote for the Tribal Council to get paid, because we don't have a lot of "timber dollars", now look what has happened. They go and spend a lot of "timber dollars" for instances: \$150.00 a plate for someone out side of our district and two: a fancy dinner for the BIA (a long list of certain VIP's of the Tribe that were paid for) and to my knowledge the Tribe and the BIA don't have that good of relationship. Tribal Council just sits and OK's everything without discussions. Do we need so many people hired? Are there some that are not doing their work? Are they looking for ways to get rid of money? What about help for our tribal members that are low income. I'm not talking GA, I'm talking about helping out Tribal members that are in need of emergency help. Where is the money coming from for the 3 area offices supervisors?

Everyone sits and judges one another and everyone has their own beliefs. (I have received quite a few phone calls) But when it comes to morals, I feel that "out of norm" should be kept at home and not exposed at work. There's a time and place for relationships. Siletz is a small town and every one knows everyones business. It is not going to change.

Joella Cain

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I would like to hear from others who have knowledge of or are interested in learning about the native plants for food and medicine.

Also, would anyone be willing to teach me their native language? Any native language. Please contact Tim Sutherland, PO Box 611, Siletz, Oregon 97380.

To the Editor,

I would like to thank Nellie Orton for the wonderful gift she gave me at the Pow Wow, and for taking the time to do so. I was so happy that I got to get her address. Also thanks to Mary Jane Robb for her help.

Love to Both,
Virginia Gongloff

Happy Birthday Tracy Philbrook. Hope you have a wonderful birthday! You are truly a special, beautiful, and sweet niece, and an equally wonderful mother. Thank you for making my life easier. I love you,

Aunt Patty

*Happy Birthday
Mama. I love you!
Michael*

*Happy Birthday,
Mama, I love you!
(this was my idea)
Jordan*

To Daddy:
Happy belated
Birthday, Michael
Warren (Nov. 10)
I love you,
Nick

Letter to the Editor

To the Membership:

I failed to get my background published in the voters pamphlet. I will give you a brief description of my background and experience.

I'm the youngest of eight children of Alfred and Maude Lane. I'm married to Don and have three children, Tim, Troy and Quanna and four grandchildren.

I have twenty years experience working for the Social Security Administration. I'm currently an Operations Supervisor in Salem.

I've actively promoted tribal sovereignty as it affects all governmental functions of our tribe. I've traveled extensively on behalf of our tribe to promote tribal interests that include:

- * Self-determination through Self-Governance as Chief negotiator.
- * Economic development through Gaming and other ventures.
- * Tribal culture and language development.

More cultural activities have occurred with greater participation than any other time since restoration. Our plank house is being built and

To Tribal Members:

Once again, we are faced with voting on the Blood degree.

Last time the people voted, this was defeated.

I do not think that the Tribal Council realizes how much money is needed to put additional people on our roll with the high cost of Medical and Education.

There are Tribal Members on the waiting list that can not be helped because there are no funds. We have Tribal Members that live apart from our so called boundaries that can not be helped and now Tribal Council wants to add more. Is this personal, for family?

Shouldn't our people be first?

Why can't our Tribe work with other Tribes, see if they will pay the cost for Medical, Education and other benefits that we have in common and than reimburse them.

Maybe we need a blood

quantum for those that serve on Tribal Council.

This was defeated the last time the people voted and can be defeated again.

The question is "Is the Tribe really financially prepared, if so why can't we help our people now?"

Vote no, so our people who can not get help, be helped.

Those of you who are on a waiting list, those of you who were told that there is no money available and those of you that live outside the boundaries, do you really think that you are going to move up the list? I doubt it.

The is not the right time to lower the blood degree. The Tribe is not financially prepared. If we can not help our people now, how can we help them later.

We have a chance now to change the Tribal Council. It is time to vote and put in new leaders.

William Stanley Strong
Tolowa, Tututni and Chetco

Happy Birthday Jack!!! Love your wife, LeLani

our language program is nearing completion.

* Controls on spending - our budget ordinance is till limited to 21/2% growth annually. Reserve funds have greatly appreciated.

* Health - because of the success of our Clinic and Self-Governance some health care services will be provided to members outside of the service area.

* Grants and Contracts - We receive continuous funding from HUD, EDA, ANA, Dept. of Labor, Agriculture, Etc.

* Elders Program - I'm personally committed to enhanced services. Revenues are budgeted specifically for their use and benefit, the tribes committed to do more with future revenues.

I can proudly say I've lobbied and promoted our tribe to the best of my ability whenever I've had the opportunity. It requires considerable energy, flexibility, understanding, diligence and a lot of family and tribal support.

I encourage you to vote for the candidate or your choice and to attend the candidates fairs.

Sincerely,
Dee Pigsley