

# 2004 CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

## SMOKE SIGNALS SPECIAL SECTION

### Charlene Hoover

Turned in statement, but did not make the deadline of Wednesday, July 15 at 5 p.m.



that our best is yet to come, with projects like Chemawa Commercial Development that is currently under way.

I have always believed that we should hold those accountable who try to take advantage of the Tribe. We are in a time where it is important to protect all of the Tribes' assets.

I agree that the Tribes' enrollment is also a very important issue. Tribal Council has sent out 2 surveys to the membership and discussed it at the community meetings. I have always strongly felt that the laws regarding enrollment need to be fair to everyone.

I won't make hollow promises or address rumors against the Tribe to get elected, instead stand on my service record and focus on the Tribes' future. There are many other important issues that we face today — cultural, employment, education, continued benefits, etc., too many to list here, but all equally important.

I respectfully request your support in the upcoming election and thank everyone for their support in the past.

Feel free to call me with any questions. 503 876-7725

Thank you,  
Bob Haller, roll #226

### Bob Haller

Dear Tribal Members,

My name is Bob Haller and I currently serve on the Tribal Council. If you know me, you know that I have been a strong advocate for the many benefits that are in place today. The message today is the same as when I started — when I was first elected to council, my main purpose was to make sure that every Tribal Member benefits from the success of the Tribe. I was one of the council members who first voted to distribute per-capita payments, health insurance, and elder's pension to the membership. It shouldn't matter where you live or who you vote for, council takes an oath to represent each and every one of you — equally.



It seems that sometimes when a Tribe starts making money from a casino, the people are forgotten. We need to make sure that our members continue to get their fair share — health care, education, housing, elder's pension, and per-capita, etc. The reality is that actual lives are impacted by the decisions that the Tribal Council makes. For example, we are working to make sure that the health care and education funds will be sustainable for future generations.

Since my time on Tribal Council, I have been active in various projects such as Elder's Housing, Low Income Housing, Medical Clinic, and our recent Convenience Store/Gas Station. I was part of the council that originally planned and approved the casino. Currently I hold a position on the Casino Board of Directors, working to keep our casino the #1 Tourist Attraction in Oregon.

Together, the Tribe has come a long way in recent years. But I feel

### Chris Mercier

I've always told people to bring me questions. Last night two Tribal members did. As I sat there quietly, watching "Iron Chef" on the Food Network, a slight rapping came upon my door. Two solemn Indians shuffled in. Late though it was, we sat down to talk. Here is a partial transcript of our conversation:

**Indian #1:** *We don't know whom to vote for this year. Should we vote for you?*

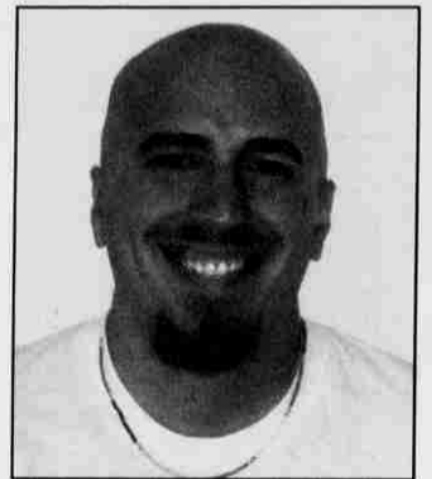
**Me:** Yes.

**Indian #2:** *Why? Even though you seem pretty honest, you're a little strange. Last year you wrote some weird thing about Guatemalan turtles. Plus your campaign letters and emails are pretty long.*

**Me:** Correct. But if you read them carefully, you'll notice I made some predictions that came true, like Council voting themselves a pay raise, tweaking the Election Ordinance, the Membership requirements issue just languishing.

**Indian #1:** *Hmm. You know, he's right. What do you see for our future now?*

**Me:** As always, depends upon the election. We need new blood on the Council. The last four elections have produced two *new* Council members. I'm thinking we need term limits. It works for America. I also imagine we should start looking at other economic opportunities. There will probably be a casino near Portland soon, and that will hurt us. I don't really see our council working for the future. There has been some serious bungling recently. You probably noticed we lost millions on Strategic Wealth, and of course there was the Community Fund scandal



**ELECTION DAY —**  
**Saturday, September 11, 2004**