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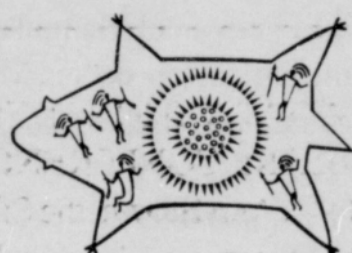
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To the Editor:

The rites of spring for some OLCC inspectors include a trip to Seaside and maybe a visit to a party at a local home, a riverside gathering spot or a secluded location.

Their trip to Seaside won't include salt water taffy or rides on the bumper cars. The parties they attend won't be mentioned in the latest happenings of society columns.

But each occasion will mark OLCC's efforts to curtail what some term as rites of passage for young Oregonians - drinking beer or maybe, hard liquor or wine - and partying. Our inspectors will cite minors for possessing, drinking and attempting to buy alcohol. They may confiscate fake identification, the beer and other alcohol.

You can help make our work easier by being aware of or asking about the spring break and springtime activities that your teenage sons and daughters are planning. We're counting on you to be aware that "just hanging out" may have serious implications on the welfare and safety of your sons and daughters if alcohol is involved.

Help us ensure that all Oregonians can enjoy the tender budding and blooming rites of spring.

LINDA IGNOWSKI

OLCC Regulatory Program Director

Tribal Members -

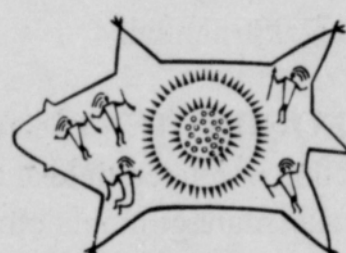
I would like to thank those of you who voted for me in the February 6, 1999, Council election. I would, also, like to thank tribal members for electing Rosemary, Jane and Jessie. These three individuals will work for the best interest of our tribe.

The six years I served on the Council, 1991 to 1997, were exciting and productive. We opened the Health Clinic, expanded the Clinic, built the Administration Building and built and opened Chinook Winds.

My wife has encountered health problems, so we are going to see places we haven't seen, catch a fish, and just relax a little.

Tribal members, remember, the more we learn, the more successful our tribe becomes. Votes count and we need to know what is happening in our tribe. Thank you again.

BENSELL BREON



PRAYER JUST FOR TODAY

Submitted by Kelly Ball

Today I walk with humbleness, humility and peacefulness.

Humbleness to be of service in the highest good in all ways.

Humility to show respect for all things in the circle of life.

Peacefulness to be at peace with self, others and the universe.

I have just today.

Yesterday is gone.

Tomorrow is not here.

There is just today.

TRIBAL COUNCIL REPORT

by Rosemary Breon Landis

The first month after election has been very busy. I was able to work on issues involving the Indian Self-Determination Act, ATNI, Interviews, gaming, meeting with Darlene Hooley at Chinook Winds, ad hoc Video Tape policy, the Personnel Manual and health issues.

My time sheets are filled out monthly. Because I travel farther than anyone on Council, I only put down my packet reading for one hour each for Tribal Council, Administration and Gaming most months.

If you are interested in buying the first video tape of the February General Council meeting, call the Tribal Council Secretaries and ask for a release

form. At present, the interim policy allows for a \$10 fee for a copy of the video. Each area office will be sent a copy so those tribal members in the service area may view the tape without charge.

Any tribal member, living or deceased, who has served in any branch of the armed services -- whether in peacetime or during conflict -- has the opportunity to have their name added to the Tribal Memorial. We need to have a list of the names because it is quite costly to add only one name. Do you think we should add the names of our ancestors who signed the treaties?

If you are an Elder, you are eligible to receive tickets to Chinook Winds concerts. Call 1-888-CHINOOK and speak to the box office. They will ask for your name and roll number. Two tickets will be held for you at the box office. A limited number of tickets is available.

The Elders will be taking several trips this year. Bev Owens at the Salem Area Office is assuming the duties of a part-time Elder's Coordinator.

The Elders are planning an Elder's Day at Chinook Winds on May 19, 1999 in conjunction with the Education Summit. Please come and share in the fun and festivities.

My unlisted phone number is (503) 622-4270. My e-mail address is: rblandis@stones.com



L-R: Coach Charlie Butler, Marcus Cooper, Brandon Case, Nathan Fisher
Front Row: Justin Mason, Marcus Butler, Jason Butler and Terrel Williams

The Siletz Indian Boys Basketball Team, 17 years & under, defended their title at the Clayton Schultz Memorial Basketball Tournament in Salem at the Chemawa Gym. With a first round win over Grand Ronde, the Siletz team faced Chemawa. It was a very close game, with a win by the Siletz Team with a score of 70 to 67. Their final championship game was, again, against Chemawa which they won by a score of 66 to 38.

Before the championship game there was a 3-point shootout contest with a \$20 purse, won by Siletz's own forward, Jason Butler, who hit 7 three-pointers in 30 seconds. The team would like to thank the Siletz Tribal Youth Services Program for the entry fee, use of the tribal van, and the Siletz Indian Housing for paying for the motel and pizza. Thank you, everyone.

COACH CHARLIE BUTLER