



A day in January brought Funny Hat Day to the Siletz Elementary first-grade class. The tobacco prevention and education coordinator talked with the class about the dangers of commercial tobacco use, traditional uses, and the difference between the two. The Lincoln County Tobacco Coalition donated the hats.



L to r: Denise Carey, Matt Williams, and Shane Brown survey a gas station/mini-mart in Otis, Ore. The Siletz Tribal Tobacco Prevention and Education Program, along with the Lincoln County Tobacco Coalition, helped youth conduct Operation Storefront in Lincoln County. Six Siletz Tribal youth and four Newport High School students participated.

### Corrections

In the March issue of Siletz News, Brenda Robertson was misidentified as Angela Robertson.

Also in the March issue, Siletz News should have noted that Tony Scott celebrated his 23rd birthday clean and sober.

## Participate in Kick Butts Day

On April 5, tens of thousands of kids and adults will unite on Kick Butts Day - the largest, youth-led anti-tobacco initiative in the country. Stand up with young people who are leading the fight against youth tobacco use.

22,004 kids have become regular smokers in 2000

70,401 will eventually die from their addiction

For information on Smoking Cessation classes in your area, please call Danelle Zosel-Sanderson, tobacco prevention and education coordinator at the Siletz Community Health Clinic, 1-800-648-0449, ext. 661, or 541-444-1030. Or call the community health advocate in your area: Miranda Williams, Eugene, 541-484-4234; Rose Kunkle, Salem, 503-390-8099; or Lesia Warner, Portland, 503-238-1512.



## Dr. C. Says Goodbye

To my patients:

My last three years at the Siletz Community Health Clinic have been educational and productive, and I have enjoyed my association with you. Sometimes, though, life takes us in directions that are unexpected and we can only follow what seems to be the correct path. My life has taken such a turn, and I am sorry to say that as of March 24, 2000, I will no longer be available to offer you medical care at the clinic.

I am leaving many valuable relationships behind, but I am confident that each of you will receive excellent, compassionate care from my colleagues. I have seldom worked with such a caring and capable group of healers.

As always, when a physician leaves a community before everyone expects him to go, questions and rumors fly. It is sufficient to say that I must grow elsewhere. As I depart, I thank you all for what you have taught me, for that is what I will value most as I look back down the years.

I hope that you are gifted with good health, a strong spirit, and the love of family. Little else matters.

Adios

Stephen A. Christensen, MD

## Quick Facts About Tobacco Advertising in Lincoln County

- Stores have an average of 43 ads per store (38 inside and 5 outside). The range is 2-266.
- 49 percent of stores have tobacco advertising three feet and below.
- 40 percent of stores have tobacco advertising near candy.
- 47 percent of stores have self-service tobacco displays.
- 42 percent of stores are located within 1,000 feet of a school, youth organization or community center.
- 58 percent of stores within 1,000 feet of schools and/or youth organizations have tobacco advertisements three feet or below.
- 42 percent of stores within 1,000 feet of schools and/or youth organizations have tobacco advertisements near candy.
- Stores with tobacco ads near candy have more ads in general (47 vs. 28).