

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

ONABEN Business Basics Workshop Series for Spring 2001

March 7 - Better Business through Better Communication
Discussions on the role of communication and the importance of understanding how it impacts you and your business.

March 14 - Setting Your Self Apart, Creative Marketing Plans
Identify different marketing methods and discuss which ones would benefit your business the most.

March 21 - Choosing Your Business Structure
Discussions on the advantages and disadvantages of different types of business structures and the importance of understanding how they will impact you and your business.

Distance learning classrooms are located on the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Siletz, and Umatilla Indian reservations. Classes are hosted at Portland State University's Urban Center (506 SW Mill St.). **All classes run from 5:45 - 7:45 p.m.**

For more information and to register, contact Melissa Butler at the Siletz Business Information Center, 541-444-8255 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 255, or Kristi Kelso at the ONABEN main office, 503-968-1500 or 1-800-854-8289.

Sponsored by The Grand Ronde Small Business Development Center, Portland State University, the Oregon Economic and Community Development Division, and the SBA's Office of Women's Business Ownership.

ICW Community Options 4 Wellness

The parenting class has been offered a new location. We have started meeting at First Baptist Church, located at 377 SW Swan Ave., Siletz, Ore. The church provides child care to parents desiring to participate who were unable to attend previously because of the lack of child care.

The Siletz Grange is willing to provide a benefit breakfast for the class incentives. The program needs assistance purchasing eggs, bacon and/or sausage, juice, and bread for french toast. May 5 is the scheduled day for the 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. breakfast. We also could use help in the kitchen. Call Gloria at 541-444-8338 to lend a hand.

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- 1 **Communication - Angela Clarke**
Skills for better communication in your family
- 8 **Identifying and Reporting Sexual Abuse - Lynn Page**
What to look for, how and who to report to
- 15 **Managing Oppositional Youth; Video**
A guide to help parents cope, direct, and get results; Talking Circle
- 22 **Grandparents as Care Providers - Anne Swinehart**
Panel discussion/ information; organize a grandparents support group in Siletz
- 29 **To Find Our Way and First Steps; Video**
Domestic violence and the effects; Talking Circle

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- 5 **Clear Cut; Video**
Mother Earth and logging; Giveaway
- 12 **Money Management - Janice Gregg**
How to handle finances
- 19 **Two Spirit People; Video**
Sexual preference in Native American tribes; Talking Circle
- 26 **Finding Joy - Janet Dair**
Life is full of joy, find it

Potlucks begin at 6 p.m.; speakers and videos begin around 6:30 p.m.



Houses on the Dickenson property near completion as families began moving in in December. Landscaping and other outdoor items need to be completed, but the families are thrilled with their new digs.

Walt's Words of Wit and Wisdom

Long ago before time, the animals and birds could talk with each other. They had been in a discussion about who is best, the animals or the birds. It became quite heated and the birds and animals prepared to have battle.

Both started gathering stones, nice round ones that could be thrown easily. They set a date to begin the battle and took positions. Now wise ol' eagle sitting high on a tree said, "Wait, there must be a better way to settle this." Then went on to say, "Maybe we should have a game to decide, a ball game." The birds and animals agreed. The ones who earned 11 points would be the best.

The birds and animals drew straws to see who would carry the ball first; the animals won. The animals were doing very well, the score 10 to 0. Rabbit was carrying the ball and speeding to victory. The birds decided that something needed to be done.

Now rabbit at this time had long legs and a long tail. The birds agreed to slow rabbit down. Hummingbird with his long six-inch beak volunteered to go first. Hummingbird made a pass, hit rabbit on the upper lip, broke his beak, and blood oozed from it.

Robin was second; he too had a six-inch beak. He made a pass and hit rabbit on the foot. He too broke his beak and bled. Now it was blue jay. Blue jay made his swift pass but hit rabbit on the tail. Now rabbit became intimidated, went into the bushes, and wouldn't run anymore.

Now the birds started winning and the animals were concerned. They did have an ace in the hole. The animal wasn't fast, though, but he did enter the race. All the birds yelled that this was unfair. A skunk was running and no one could get close to him. They could not stop him.

Now, a big bird in an alder tree was watching the whole affair. He was so big that it wouldn't have been fair for him to get involved, but knowing that if someone didn't, the animals were sure to win. So he made a dive and hit that skunk, trying to make the skunk drop the ball. The skunk put up a fight; he let that big bird have all the stink, but big bird

hung right on. They rassed over and around in all kinds of positions and finally the skunk dropped the ball. The game was over; the animals did win.

Now today, we see this big bird soaring in the sky, usually by himself because no one likes to play with buzzard. He smells like a skunk. Rabbit today has short front legs, a split upper lip, and a short tail. Today we see the crimson-throated hummingbird and the red-breasted robin. If you find the blue jay nest, you will always find a string of moss or something hanging from it. This is the rabbit's tail.

I do not know where this story came from, but hope it lets everyone know how these came to be, a story of creation.

