

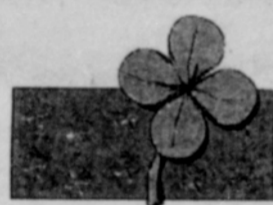
### Welcome to the Prevention Dimension

Shu'-yi'de-ghayt-nin'sh

Shu'-yi-de-ghayt-nin'sh means  
We are getting well  
Shu' (sounds like "shoe")  
yi ("i" is a long "a" sound)  
de (short "e" like in "den")  
ghayt (sounds like "kite")  
nin'sh (long "e")

The articles and information you see here are offered as a way to increase communication and share information, knowledge, and humor. We welcome questions, suggestions, and artwork from youth age 12 to 17.

Please contact Lisa Brown at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 238, or 541-444-8286 to turn in articles or information that may be printed in an upcoming issue of Siletz News. You also may e-mail documents of interest to [lisab@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:lisab@ctsi.nsn.us).



### Take the Leadership Test

To find out if you are a true leader, see if you possess these qualities:

- ☒ Leaders start projects by asking, "What has to be done?" instead of "What do I need?"
- ☒ Leaders next ask, "What do I have to do to make a real contribution?" The answer best suits the leader's strengths and the needs of the project.
- ☒ Leaders continually ask, "What are my organization's purposes and objectives?" and "What qualifies as acceptable performance and adds to the bottom line?"
- ☒ Leaders don't want clones of themselves as employees. They never ask, "Do I like or dislike this employee?" But they won't tolerate poor performance.
- ☒ Leaders aren't threatened by others who have strengths they lack.



L to r, front row: Tara Richard, Jennifer Rector, Lisa Brown, and Matt Baker; back row, Leslee Jensen, Jill Dale, Nancy Nash, Joe Colvin, Mary Jane Voss McDermott, Matt Williams, Marie Jones, Wes Tyler, Kristi Bellavita, and Sara Bellavita. Not pictured: George Nagel, Marilyn Kennelly, and William Kennelly-Ullmann.

### Siletz Tribal Students Attend Youth Conference

Siletz students Matt Baker, Wes Tyler, and Matt Williams represented the Siletz Youth Skatepark Committee (SYSC) at the two-day conference held in Portland on Feb. 8-9. Special thanks to George Nagel for driving and being a chaperone. Terry McDowell and Katy Kaady of the Portland area office also attended.

The SYSC includes the following officers: president, Matt Williams; vice-president, Andrew Whetstone; secretary, Wes Tyler; treasurer, vacant; and fund-raising, Matt Baker. The SYSC is a newly formed committee that was created to pursue funding to develop a skate park for the Siletz community. The group is grateful for the support and guidance by members of the Siletz Valley Partnership (SVP), the Siletz Tribal Prevention Program, Siletz Valley Fire Department, and the city of Siletz. The Siletz Tribal Council graciously committed to donate \$45,000 to help build the skate park and the SYSC continues to raise funds to cover the cost for utilities, insurance,

and other related operating expenses.

The conference's mission was to support youth as active community members through youth voice, youth leadership, and youth volunteerism. SYSC members were impressed with the presentations by high school youth, which showcased projects and programs that exist in their communities largely because of the hard work and compassion of the youth and their mentors. SYSC members were inspired by the accomplishments of the groups represented, and look forward to developing similar community programs, events, and activities for Siletz.

The SYSC members and Lisa Brown, Siletz Tribal prevention coordinator, met with other students and representatives of Lincoln County for a dinner provided by the Lincoln County Commission on Children and Families. Following the dinner, the group conducted an overview of the 40 Developmental Assets and discussed how these concepts applied to each

person personally. The overview was a great success and the group agreed to meet again to develop a process to share the information with their communities.

The following is the first step in the process of sharing information with our community. The assets are listed to help you assess how many positive factors exist in your family, home, and community. They will help develop a plan to increase the assets and eliminate obstacles that affect our youth. Please contact Lisa Brown, prevention coordinator, if you have any comments or feedback, at 541-444-8238, or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 238.

