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Ronald Butler Jr., Ronald Butler, Logan Butler, and Cecillie Butler enjoy the community carnival.

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First Siletz Community Carnival a Smashing, Splashing Success

by Kathy Stewart

The event was sponsored by the Siletz Valley Partnership, in cooperation with local community members and groups. The following groups were represented: Siletz Boosters, Amateur Softball Association (Dreamcatchers), Cub Scouts, Grange, Siletz Tribal Prevention Program, Siletz Friends of the Library, Crime Prevention, and Siletz Skatepark Committee.

This event was planned as a way to raise funds for community programs or groups in the Siletz area, and as a way to showcase youth who volunteer for community groups.

One of the highlights was the dunk tank and the local celebrity dunkee – Jess Kennison, principal of Siletz School. Thanks to Jess' great enthusiasm, local youth stepped forward to volunteer to take his place. Special thanks to Pat Whetstone for being such an excellent ticket seller for the dunk tank fund-raiser.

Other events included a cake walk by the Dreamcatchers to raise money for their softball activities. The library had a book sale and carwash to raise funds for the new library. Lynn Whitlow sold grab bags for Siletz School's Crime Prevention Program. Dorothy Slaughter did an acrylic painting demonstration to represent the Senior Art Program.

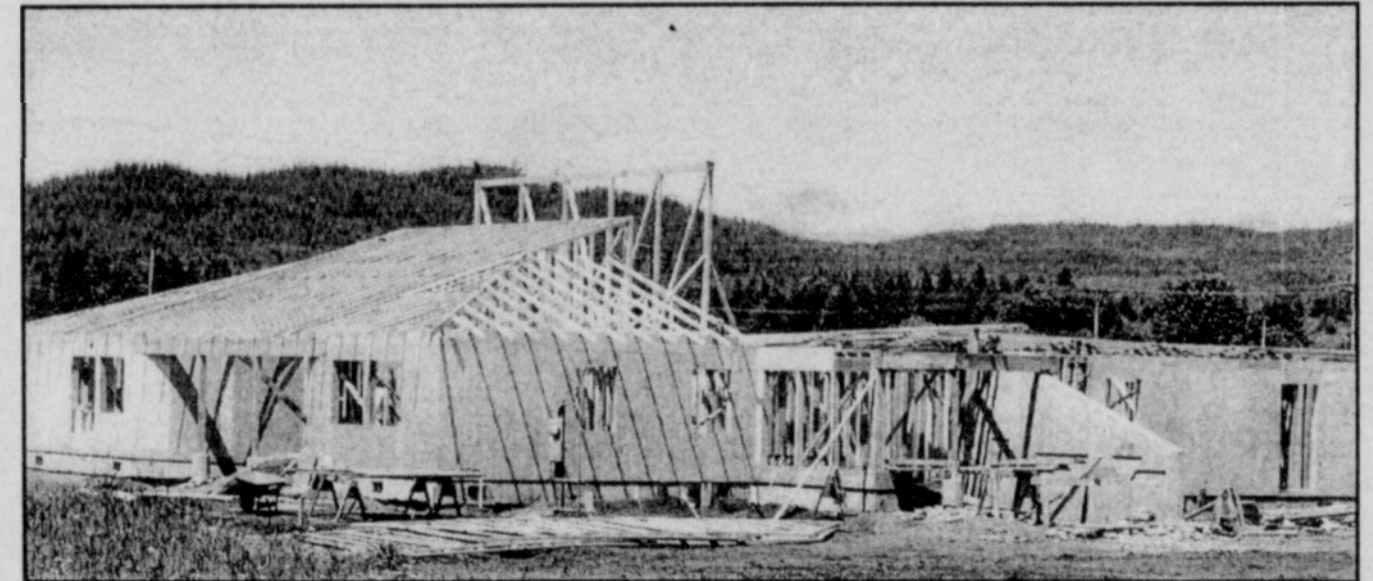
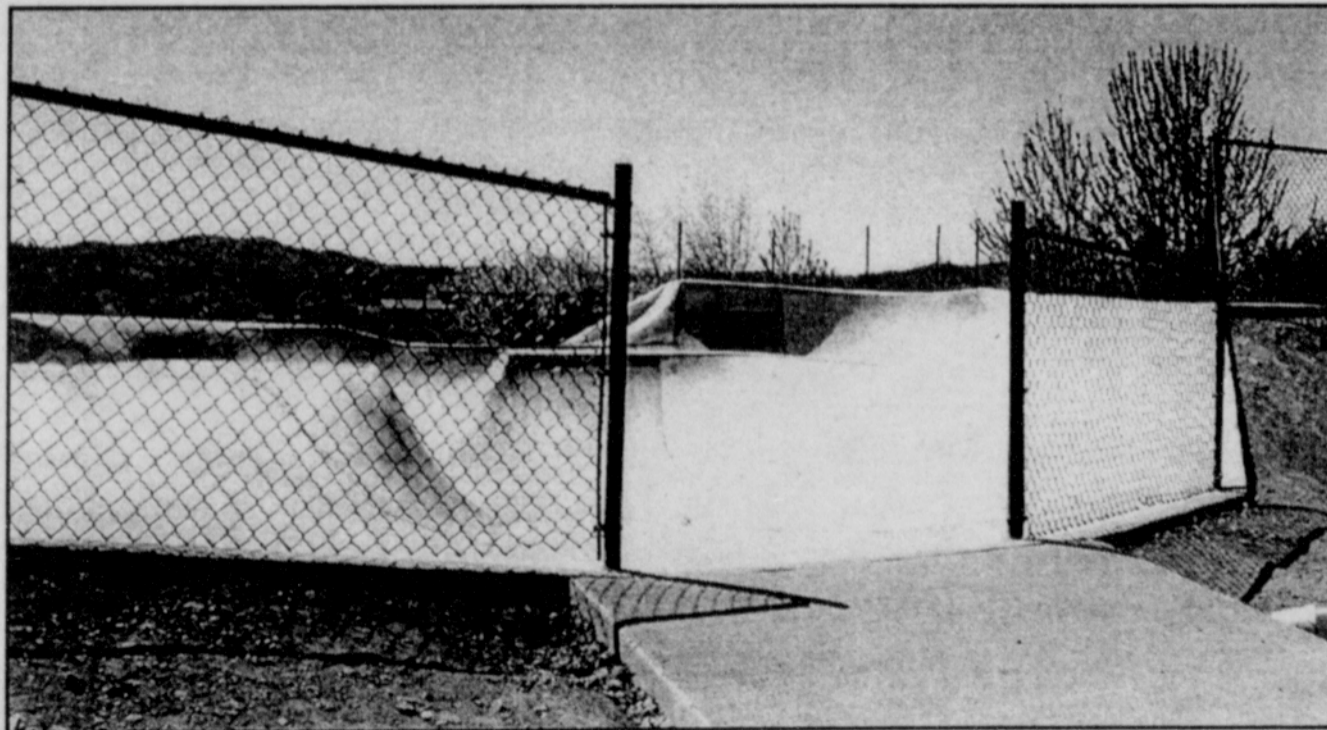
Most impressive was the number of community members and youth who volunteered and made the event the smashing success it was. Special thanks go to

Tom Downey, Larry Arnold, Ed O'Connor, Phyllis Case, and Rose Esbenshade, whose efforts are so greatly appreciated. They are fine examples of elders as community volunteers.

Adults worked to make the kitchen and all of the booths a success. Special thanks go to Cathy Clark, Sue Eatherly, Julie Frogge, Alice McCaine, Lorraine Rich, Kari Murk, Michele Schaffer, Lisa Brown, Lynn Whitlow, Leah Jackson, Dell and Melody Wilkison, and Willie and Tracey Worman. The library car wash volunteers included Elizabeth Kosydar and Amy Gibson, and youth Edwin Sondenaa and Todd White.

Most amazing was the fine display of volunteerism on the part of the youth. Matt Williams and Andrew Whetstone mentored youth to help in the kitchen to raise money for the skatepark. Youth who worked with them included Joseph Petersen, Edwin Sondenaa, Casea Slaven, and Todd White. The fishing booth was a great success because of Chelsey Stewart, Kallee Abbas, Jesseca Guillen, and Heaven Perkins, and helped by my generous donation of stuffed animals.

Lots of people made this event a success by helping with planning and cleanup. If you remember someone whose name I missed, please let us know and we can thank them personally. To everyone who came – thank you. To those who missed the event, take a moment to tell a youth or adult thanks and to keep up the good work.



Above: The Child Care Center's progress in early June. The Siletz Valley Community Skatepark (l) opened in May and quickly became popular with local children.