

## VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### Oregon Gaming Alliance

On April 30, the Coquille Tribe hosted the latest meeting of Oregon gaming tribes to further plan for the organization of the Oregon Gaming Alliance. We were pleased that seven of the current gaming tribes sent representatives to this meeting.

Copies of draft bylaws were distributed, prepared by Siletz attorney Criag Dorsay with input by Warm Springs attorney Dennis Carnopp. We agreed to take the drafts to our respective Tribal Councils for review and comment.

Generally, according to the draft bylaws, the purposes of the alliance are to protect the general welfare of Indian tribes through sound policies and practices with respect to Indian gaming; disseminate information on gaming-related issues; preserve and protect the integrity of Indian gaming; promote government-to-government relationships with the state of Oregon and, as appropriate, the federal government

and tribal organizations; and protect and advocate Indian tribal sovereignty.

Terry Springer and I were elected ad-hoc chairman and secretary, respectively, until permanent officers are elected.

The participating tribes will carefully review qualifications for and the rights of membership, as well as other issues, and will submit their comments to Craig and Dennis, who will report back to the alliance with their recommendations.

The Burns Paiute Tribe in Burns, Ore., will host the alliance's next meeting on July 17.

### Portland Area Health Board

I serve as the Siletz Tribal Council's delegate to the Portland Area Health Board (PAHB), which works closely with the Portland-area director of Indian Health Services on vital health and budget issues affecting Northwest tribes.

We received word that Julia Davis-Wheeler, who has served as chairman for the past 10 years, has resigned. Julia was the Nez Perce Tribal Council's



Jessie Davis

representative to the board, but on May 3, she was not re-elected to the Nez Perce Council.

Julia was a dedicated Health Board member under whose chairmanship a great deal was accomplished. As chairman of the National Indian Health Board, she also did an outstanding job of representing tribes across the United States. Julia will be sorely missed.

### Economic Development

On May 6, the Siletz Tribal Council met with Siletz Tribal Business Corporation staff to discuss the development process and prioritize projects for the rest of the year and into the future.

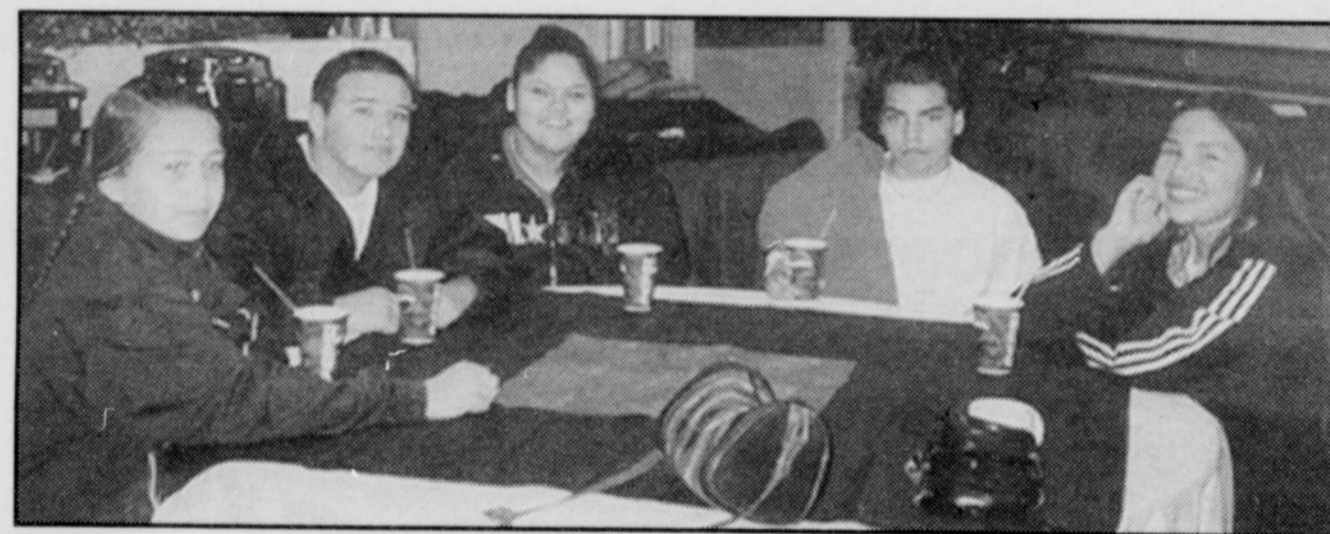
The Siletz Tribe currently owns five prime pieces of property which haven't been developed: Salem site, Lakeside Village and Logan Road sites in Lincoln City, Toledo mill site, and Chemawa property in Salem, on which we are working cooperatively with the Grand Ronde Tribe to develop.

More detailed information about the STBC and the development status of the five sites will be available to tribal members in the confidential newsletter, *Nesika Illahee*.

On May 8, interviews were held to select the administrative assist/financial accountant position. We're pleased to announce that Sue Lemaster will fill that position beginning June 2, 2003. Congratulations to Sue for doing such a good job on her interview.



Siletz youth at the Grand Ronde Wellness Conference include (l to r) Elaine Rodriguez, Carlie Mike, and Demetri Brockie.



Other Siletz youth at the Grand Ronde Wellness Conference include (l to r) Saul Jurado, Travis Clawson, Melissa Clawson, Erik Clawson, and Lena Jimenez.

## Wanted! TLC House Manager

The Siletz Tribal Transitional Living Center (TLC) for recovering women is searching for a house manager. Monthly rent is exchanged for house manager duties. Responsibilities include serving as a role model for women in early recovery from alcohol/drug addictions, following and enforcing TLC house rules, ensuring security of facility and clients, and notifying appropriate parties when emergencies or any unusual circumstances arise.

The TLC house manager will agree to and sign a rental agreement. The TLC

house manager is not an employee of the TLC/Siletz Tribe.

All applicants must agree to a pre-agreement urinalysis test, criminal background check, and must provide at least three references. The Siletz Tribal TLC is an alcohol- and other drug-free environment.

Interested parties may contact Janet Dair or Joyce Retherford at 541-444-8286 or 1-800-600-5599; or by mail at Siletz Tribal TLC, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549; or e-mail janetd@ctsi.nsn.us. This position will remain open until filled.

## Youth See Success at Conference

by Selene Rilatos

Our tribal youth attended a prevention conference in Grand Ronde on April 4. Guest speakers were Kevin F. Peniska Sr., founder and publisher of *Well Nations* magazine; Elaine Miles, actress most noted for her roles in *Northern Exposure* and *Smoke Signals*; and Chance Rush, youth trainer and motivational speaker.

It was such a great experience for our tribal youth to see famous, successful Native people who are living on the good red road. The Grand Ronde Tribe also hosted a traditional Round Dance ceremony with traditional teachers of the Cree First Nations from Saskatchewan, Canada, to teach them how to conduct a traditional Round Dance. Our youth attended the Round Dance ceremony as well.

Those attending included Frede Aguilar, Kyle Towner, Melissa Clawson, Erik Clawson, Travis Clawson, Lena Jimenez, Saul Jurado, Demetri Brockie, Dominic Haskie, Carlie Mike, Elaine Rodriguez, and Demetria Weeks. Sonya Moody-Jurado, Crista Whittington, Delight Attebury, and I were chaperones.

We would like to thank Prevention, Youth Services, Education, and Cultural Programs for hosting this event. Hum'Chi!