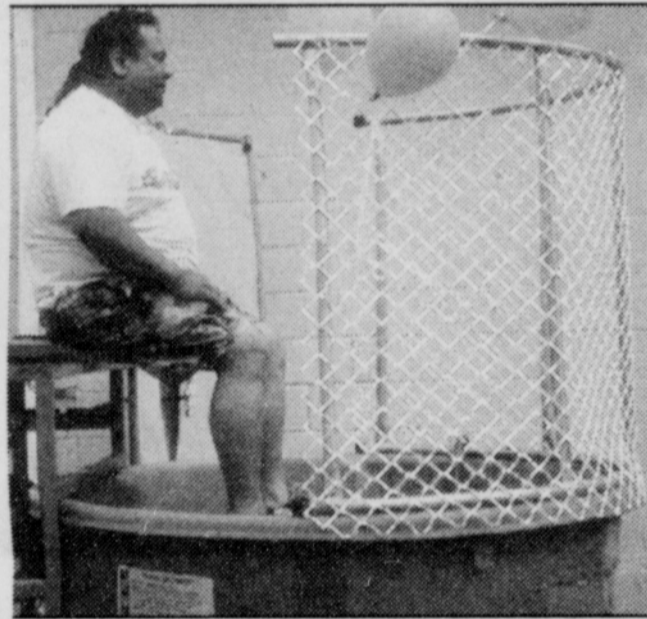


## Fun and Fund-raising Top Siletz Community Carnival

Siletz Valley Partnership sponsored its second annual carnival fund-raiser in collaboration with local non-profit groups. The drug and alcohol prevention-based coalition focused its efforts on funding and creating programs that encourage at-risk youth to make healthy choices in their lives. Last year was a successful and fun beginning that promises to be better each year.

If you weren't there to hear the barker or see the dunk tank activity, you missed a real treat. **Bristo Bayya** spent time in the tank, but not without his own



water pistol! **Benny Marzan** (although a tad bit hesitant at first) stayed through the day. **Kelley Ellis** also joined the group. Even when the wind caused goose bumps and chattering teeth, she took her turns.

**Sheri Rilatos** sat in the tank at the request of her kids and proved to be a real good sport! Last but not least, teacher **John Meyer** braved the elements and the crowd's accuracy. These community volunteers showed such enthusiasm and good sportsmanship and were a great crowd pleaser! Thank you!

One Siletz Valley youth in particular caused groans and trembling every time she took her place in line. **Katie Lyons**, poised and wearing pink, returned again and again to dunk whomever was seated on the watery perch. You go, girl!

Additions to the groups of volunteers included clowns from the Siletz Baptist Women's Ministry. They wandered in and out of local businesses, inviting folks to join the fun. One merry harlequin will always be remembered for her clever dance moves on the cake walk.

Two clowns were seen waving and welcoming passersby or helping in the different booths. We hope they return next year! The women's ministry held a free drawing for three items – a Bible, a gift certificate for Noel's Market, and an accent lamp.

The groups that participated included Winds of Praise (a Christian broadcasting station with a photo booth and guitar raffle), Cub Scouts Pack #31 and VFW (bean bag toss and silent auction for baked goods), Crime Prevention (beading, grab bags, and silent auction), CASA (face painting), NAMI (information on mental illness and greeting cards), Logsden Christian School (lively spirited cake walk), Tribal Tobacco Prevention (a clever booth where players threw wads of "money" into a large pack of cigarettes called "Barfboros"), and Siletz Valley Partnership volunteers (ticket booth, fishing pond, and kitchen).



Many people volunteered their time and energy for this crowd-pleasing event. Siletz Valley Partnership would like to express wholehearted appreciation to all volunteers. You are **the heart of the community!** Thank you to all the youth and adults who worked together to make this carnival a complete success!

Siletz Valley Partnership invites all non-profits to consider partnering with us to put next year's Third Annual Siletz Community Carnival on the map!



*Siletz youth teams attend a leadership conference and play basketball in Washington.*

## Siletz Teams Place Third at Yakama Basketball Tourney

Several of our tribal youth attended the Yakama Indian Nation Youth Leadership Conference and Basketball Tourney in Yakima, Wash., in May. We took two teams that we're all so very proud of with their b-ball playing skills, attitudes, and overall how they conducted themselves.

Our youth were the most active at the youth conference out of all the participants and teams that attended and they participated in all conference and cultural activities.

The teams were divided into two age groups; 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade and 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Siletz Warriors took third place with team members Sam Lynch, Kendra Lancaster, Tasha Rilatos, Monique Lane, Carley Robinson, Robbie Williams, Cole Jackson, Che' Butler, Kyle Towner, and Corey Hime.

Siletz Braves took third place with team members Jamie Mason, Robbie Jay, Wes Tyler, Jennifer Butler, Kyle Wolf, Lynette Hibdon, Jesse Cordova, and Karli Jay.

Team coaches were Charlie Butler, Eddie Ehret, Kenny Paul, Bobby Brandt, Steve Jackson, and Selene Rilatos.

On behalf of our tribal youth and basketball teams, we would like to thank our tribal sponsors: Siletz Clinic – Community Health advocates,

Diabetes, and Prevention; other tribal departments – Education, Culture, Siletz Residents Organization; and Chinook Winds Casino & Convention Center.

## Who Holds Tomorrow?

*by Eva E. Clayton*

I don't know what tomorrow holds, but I do know who holds tomorrow, our children.

I wear my ancestral heritage like a merit badge. Our children are our badges of honor (our reflection).

As parents, caregivers, and elders, we can help our children and communi-ty become more active and healthy. Just a few minutes of time can last a lifetime.

It's about the (wheel) circle of enlightenment – the (hub or center) family, (spokes) children, extended family, commitment, dreams, goals, security, opportunity, mentors, tradition and culture, future.

Ties from the past should strengthen our solidarity and bring about the rhythm of the wheel.

Regalia colors and pocketful of dreams await our budding bloomers who hold tomorrow.