

Elders Gather Bear Grass and Huckleberries

by Kathryn Dick

On Aug. 24, we took three elder vans and met with other gatherers at the Pine Cone Restaurant to head for Cougar Rock. Bud Lane and Robert Kentta took a group to Cougar Rock to show us how to gather bear grass and while there, we also picked huckleberries. It was a wonderful day with lots of fun and laughs.

The ride there was quite exciting. Blinded by the dust, we slowly made our way to Cougar Rock, very high on top of the mountain. At one point, we lost the vehicle ahead of us, but we had a tracker on our van and she found the road we were to take. We rocked and rolled and bounced all the way to the top.

We took a sack lunch and ate after we arrived. It was quite fun getting out and seeing how to get the bear grass and pull it up. It was a hot day, but there was shade.

Thanks to everyone who helped the elders gather the grass they needed. On the way down the hill, we stopped and the elders who needed to were able to get sticks from the trees. We're looking forward to some nice baskets this fall.

Being late in the day, we were hungry and 17 elders stopped for dinner in Lebanon at the Shari's Restaurant. With hugs and good-byes, we went our separate ways. It was a great day and all of us were tired, but it was such a good tired.



Shelly Butler, Woody Muschamp, and Kathryn Dick gather huckleberries.



Bud Lane collects bear grass with the tribal elders.

Another Year of Wisdom Happy Birthday!

Jamie Andrews, 10/26
 Della Ault, 10/13
 Verne Belgarde, 10/25
 Barbara Boland, 10/19
 Ivan Brown, 10/25
 William Depoe Jr., 10/15
 Urla Fife, 10/8
 Genevieve Gavin, 10/18
 Jeanette Giddings, 10/17
 Virginia Gongloff, 10/24
 Kenneth Hatch, 10/16
 Ronald Hoiness, 10/24
 Liz John, 10/23
 Lydia Kentta, 10/30
 Rosalie Kentta, 10/2
 Jack McCord Jr., 10/18
 Martha Moody, 10/27
 Ronald Mortenson, 10/20
 Veronica Poersch, 10/21
 Gary Sanders, 10/21
 Nancy Simmons, 10/2
 Charlotte Squires, 10/21
 Tom Staggs, 10/17
 Kay Steele, 10/8
 Clarice Tanewasha, 10/1
 Louis Taylor, 10/12
 Gabriella Tiedt, 10/25
 Lana Wagner, 10/16

Elder Council Meeting

Oct. 11, 2003

Chinook Winds Casino & Convention Center

2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Siletz Tribal Restoration Celebration

Nov. 15, 2003

Chinook Winds Casino

11 a.m.

Welcome
 Invocation
 Guest Speakers
 Special Presentations

1 p.m.

Buffet

2:30

Cut the cake

6 p.m.

Siletz Tribal Restoration
 Pow-Wow

Election Board Application

Tribal members interested in serving on the 2003-2004 Election Board must fill out the following application and return it to the address below **prior to Oct. 6, 2003**, to be considered for appointment. Please mail or fax your application to:

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon
 Attn: Executive Secretary to Tribal Council
 P.O. Box 549
 Siletz, OR 97380-0549
 Fax: 541-444-8325

Name: _____ Roll No.: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and ZIP: _____

Telephone: Day _____ Evening _____

If you would like a copy of the Election Ordinance that details the Election Board duties, please call the executive secretary to Tribal Council at 1-800-922-1399 or 541-444-2532 to request a copy.