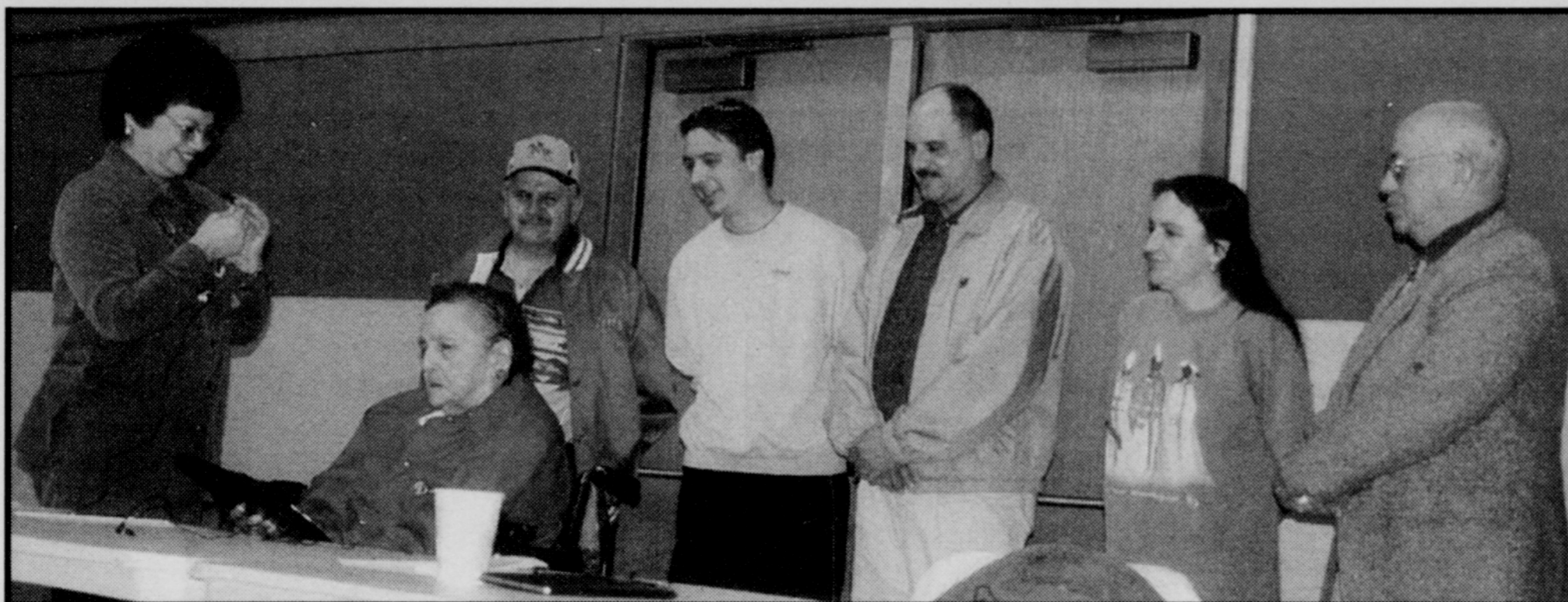


NOTICES



Mary A. "Dolly" Fisher was honored for her 30 years of service to the tribe at the General Council Meeting on Feb. 7. Several family members and friends spoke of her many accomplishments, including her suggestions to Tribal Council for the names of Chinook Winds Casino, Tenas Illahee Child Care Center, and the Nesika Illahee confidential newsletter. Dolly received a plaque as a thank you from the Tribal Council, followed by cake for everyone attending the meeting. Joining her here are Delores Pigsley, Terry Fisher, Randy Fisher, Mike Fisher, Mona Fisher, and Frank Simmons.

Stuart Kicks Off Pow-Wow Season

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Pow-wow season is here again. I started 2004 with the Royal Valley High School Native American Club Pow-Wow on Jan. 17-18. Royal Valley High School is on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation, one of the four reservations in Kansas (Kickapoo, Prairie Band Potawatomi, Sac and Fox, and Iowa).

I enjoyed dancing, meeting new people like Miss Oklahoma State University (OSU) Jessica Moore, and I learned a lot about her tribes and the traditions that many Oklahoma tribes practice.

I also shared a lot about the Siletz people, such things as the feather dance and how many tribes combined into one federally recognized tribe. So as I, Miss Siletz, educated her, Miss OSU educated me on her tribes.

About 15 Southern and Northern drums sang at the pow-wow. The host drum was Little Soldier from Mayetta, Kan., and the invited drum was Smokeytown from Neopit, Wis. The area was full of the colors of many dancers and many styles of dancing.

There were 150 registered dancers for the dance competitions that weekend. I had the pleasure of doing exhibition in my category, Women's

Northern Traditional. Being in the Midwest, there usually are few Northern traditional women dancers. This was the case in this category, where a woman with a beautiful beaded cape and I danced.

I decided to exhibition this time because I haven't in a while and I wasn't at the pow-wow to make money. My dad says, "If you are there to win money, you might as well get undressed (out the regalia) now."

I had a good time at the Royal Valley Pow-Wow visiting with my friends, seeing old acquaintances, and dancing.

On Feb. 7, I was head lady at the Indian Council of Many Nations Winter Pow-Wow in Kansas City, Kan. Gourd dancing took place in the afternoon. Growing up most of my life in the Midwest, I've grown accustomed to gourd dancing.

Two grand entries occurred, at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., in that the Indian Veterans Warrior Society of Kansas City brought in the flags, followed by the head man dancer, Josh Cederstrom; myself; the 2004 Indian Council of Many Nations Princess, Krystal Palace; and all the dancers.

The head staff I've known for some time now. I met many Natives living in

the greater Kansas City-metropolitan area at age 7 when I attended the Indian Center's summer camp. After several years attending the camp, I wanted to give back to my community and volunteered my time there.

The winter pow-wow had inter-tribal dancing and exhibitions. My family, the Stuarts, had a giveaway along with several other families. I want to thank my parents for honoring me and supporting me through the giveaway. I also thank God for keeping my family and myself safe while traveling. It was an honor for me to be the head lady for the Indian Council of Many Nations Winter Pow-Wow.

These are a few of the pow-wows that I've attended and I'm scheduled to attend many more this year. I'll have another pow-wow report in the next issue of *Siletz News*.

May the good Lord bless you and your family.

Correction: In the January issue of *Siletz News*, Netalia Coats should have been listed as the seventh-grade Student of the Month for January.

SVS Students Earn Awards

Siletz Valley School, a newly formed charter school, has a 164 students. On Feb. 2 at the morning assembly, students in grades K-8 received awards for attendance, academic achievements, citizenship, and positive behavior.

Teachers nominated the students, based on performance, during January 2004. We also had special awards with gifts for two students who have not been absent or tardy since school started. Students receiving award certificates were:

Kindergarten: Leslie Brown, Jonathan Lindsey-Cyphert, Savanna Rilatos, Tyler Sjostrom, Kateri Whitehead, Jace Willis

1st Grade: Sierra Gerttula, Windy Hill (2), Anthony Moore, April Sied, Tyler Raby, Britany Robertson

2nd Grade: Logan Butler, Jaycub Westbrook, San Poil Whitehead (2), Kristina Westfall (PE)

3rd Grade: Jeff Paul, Payge Phinney, Autum Roberts, Morgan Woltrain

4th Grade: Breanna Jordan-Goodell, Angelia Priest-Lamadrid, Jazmine Thein, Ab Williams, Jordan Young

5th Grade: Casee Case, Rosie Dineldein, Derek Frame, Kayla Stokes

6th Grade: Zak Bremner, Alex Flores, Don Lathrop, Chris Williams

7th Grade: Jennifer Easter, Shila Justice, Heather Luckini, James McGaughey, Leslie Schuler

8th Grade: Realoni Belgarde, Levi Bolt (2), Mike Justice, Eric Luckini, Lokia McGaughey, Chyann Payne (2), Heaven Perkins, Jamie Urich, Chris Schuler, Shelby Wallace

Perfect Attendance

3rd Grade: Jeff Paul (2)

4th Grade: Jordan Young (2)

Excellent Attendance

Kindergarten: Alexis Metcalf, Kateri Whitehead

1st Grade: Chyenne Maldonado, Jennelle Potter

2nd Grade: David Paul, Jaycub Westbrook, San Poil Whitehead

3rd Grade: Philip Edwards, Steven Lindstrom, Autum Roberts, Tiffany Stokes

4th Grade: Kaylee Clark

5th Grade: Stormy Lathrop, Tyrie Westbrook

6th Grade: Carson Edwards

7th Grade: Jesseca Guillen