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Delores Pigsley presents a Pendleton blanket to Rob Bovett to thank him for his efforts in returning Medicine Rock to the Siletz Tribe.

Medicine Rock Returned to Tribe

by Robert Kentta, Cultural Resources Director

Medicine Rock, a place of prayers and good luck wishes for our people, is again in the possession of our tribe.

Our original people of the Siletz Band of Tillamooks wouldn't travel past it without leaving an offering and that tradition was shared with and passed on to our confederated tribes when the Siletz Reservation was established in 1855. After allotment and the opening of our Siletz lands to

settlers, even the local settlers became aware of the beliefs and practices surrounding Medicine Rock.

A lot of water has passed the rock since those days. Many things have happened, including termination and restoration of our tribal government. Through it all, the oral history

See Medicine Rock on page 24.

Newbegin Donates Tractor/Mower to Siletz Valley School

In April, Siletz Valley School received a Kubota 22-horsepower, four-wheel-drive tractor, with a 60-inch mid-mount mower and a grass catcher. This \$12,204.95 personal donation was a contribution from Wade Newbegin.

"Mr. Peters called me when the charter school was first opening and asked if I'd like to come out," says Wade. "Mr. Peters really put his heart into getting the school off to a good start."

Wade says, "Between Mr. Peters (his friend of 25 years) and the people in the Siletz community, it was very easy to become a part of the effort. Everyone involved in the school has worked so hard and showed such commitment. I really feel this says a lot about the future."

Wade is an active volunteer every Tuesday and Thursday at the school and participated in the Siletz Tribe's Run to the Rogue in 2003.

See a photo of Wade and the new tractor/mower on page 12.

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