

Clayton Wins Elder Storyteller Contest

by Kathryn Dick

While attending the National Council on Aging Conference in Milwaukee, Wis., Eva Clayton went to a storytelling workshop. Little did she know that she would be the first one to tell a story.

She was standing in the back of a crowded room when it was decided that the group would move to a larger room. This meant she would end up in the front of the bigger room.

The workshop was a storytelling contest. Being interested in writing and stories, Eva went to this workshop merely to hear the stories that would be told. Once there, they couldn't get anyone to start the workshop by telling a story.

Finally Eva, being the kind person she is, offered to start. As she made her way to the front of the room, she had to quickly come up with a story to tell.

She told a story in honor of her mother, Jeannette Giddings. The story was one of when she was a child and, along with her nine siblings, was walking through the woods with her mother. It included all the things her mother had taught them as they walked.



Eva Clayton

It must have been a good story because in the end, after 20-some stories, Eva won first place. She will tell her story at the Elder Council meeting on Oct. 9.

For her first-place finish, she won a Pendleton blanket. Congratulations, Eva! You did us proud!

Elders Enter Nesika Illahee Parade

The elders once again had their annual float in the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow Parade this year.

Maxine Rilatos was in charge of the float. Gladys Bolton was the grand marshal of the 2004 parade, honored as the outgoing whip woman.

Several elders took part and rode on

the float. Others offered their services to the veterans, such as Donna Woods, who drove her unique PT Cruiser with her husband, Warren Woods, a veteran.

PT Cruisers were used to drive the veterans who could not walk the distance. The elders had a great time and received a Culture Award for their float.



Gladys Bolton, grand marshal of the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow Parade



Siletz elders stop for a moment during their trip the NICOA conference.

Elders Travel to NICOA Conference

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Thirty-nine elders attended the National Council on Aging Conference in Milwaukee, Wis. They traveled with the two tribal elder coordinators, Kathryn Dick and Angela Ramirez.

The elders left Oregon in the wee hours of the morning, meeting at the Portland Airport for the flight to Milwaukee.

It was a great trip in which 300 tribes were represented. Various workshops were held, plus a dinner pow-wow one evening and the next afternoon, a fashion luncheon that consisted of elders modeling their tribal regalia.

They also had a prayer breakfast early Sunday morning for those who wanted to attend.

The conference ended with a caucus meeting of each region. Ours is the Portland region, which consists of tribes from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska. A new representative from our region was elected to a four-year term, James Delacruz from Washington.

It was great to attend the conference and see the many friends we have met at past conferences and new ones we met on this trip.

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
Jeannette Giddings, 10/17
Virginia Gongloff, 10/24
Kenneth Hatch, 10/16
Lorraine Hesketh, 10/26
Ronald Hoiness, 10/24
Elizabeth John, 10/23
Lydia Kentta, 10/30
Rosalie Kentta, 10/2

Rosennette Kunkel, 10/15
Jack McCord Jr., 10/18
Martha Moody, 10/27
Ronald Mortenson, 10/20
Veronica Poersch, 10/21
Patricia Putman, 10/18
Edward Rilatos Jr., 10/7
Gary Sanders, 10/21
Yvonne Scott, 10/16
Nancy Simmons, 10/2
Charlotte Squires, 10/23
Charles Staggs, 10/17
Clarice Tanewasha, 10/1
Louis Taylor, 10/12
Dennis Varner, 10/10
Lana Wagner, 10/16