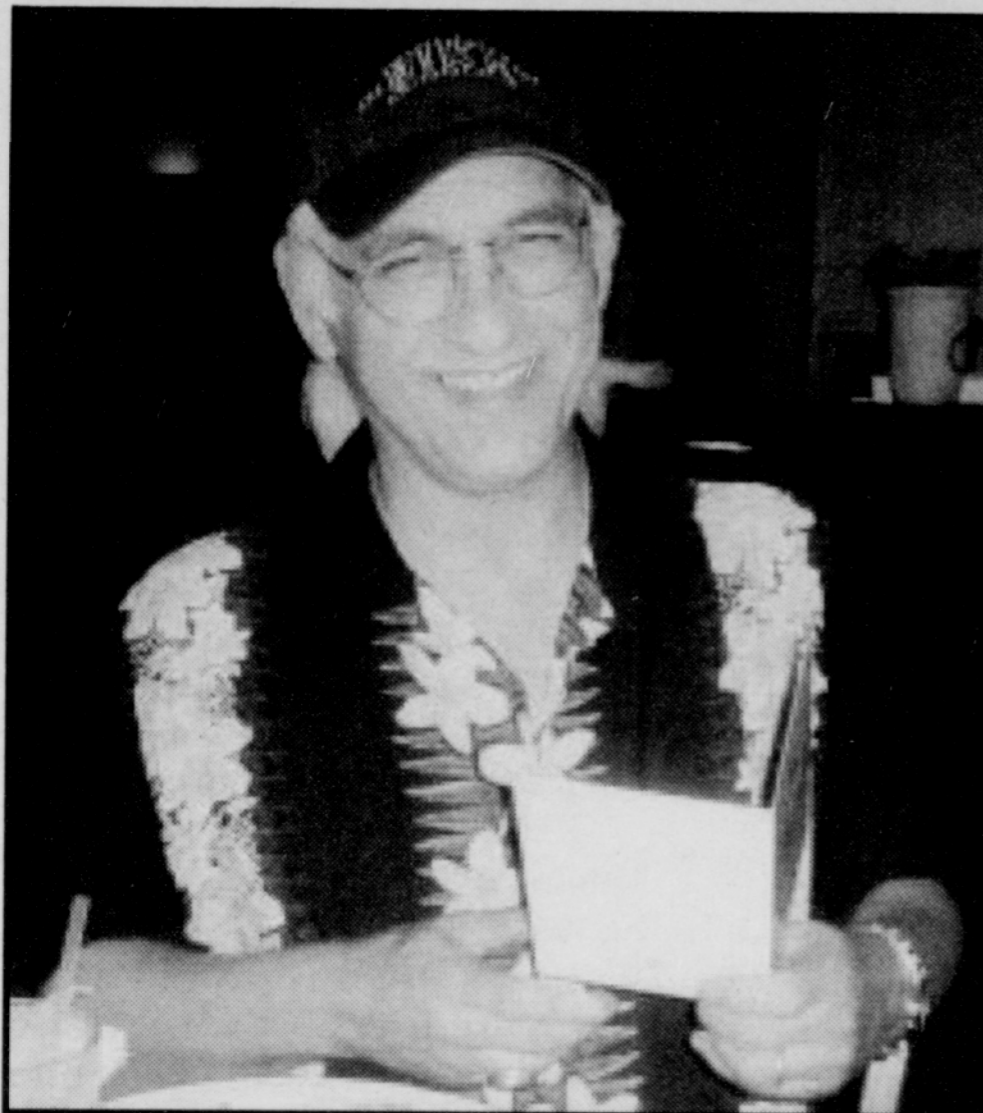


TRIBAL MEMBER NEWS



Jose Paez, Jr. retires in September from the Veterans Administration in Los Angeles. He worked there for 29 years as a recreational therapist. He is the son of Theresa and Jose Paez Sr., grandson of Augusta Evans Alicante and Marcos M. Alicante, and the nephew of Maria A. Westervelt. Congratulations, Jose! You have done an excellent job. (photo by Maria Westervelt)

New Web Site Helps Prevent Hazard Trees

The trees in your landscape are an asset to your home, but a variety of situations and circumstances can create hazard trees, including human influences, disease, and weather. As a result of improper care, neglect, or damaging construction work, your trees can become a liability instead of an asset.

A new Web site helps address this problem. The "Hazard Tree Prevention" Web site is helping spread the word about tree care and how to keep trees from becoming hazardous.

The site was created jointly by the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture and the Oregon Department of Forestry, with a grant from Oregon Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management agency. The Web site for this new resource is www.pnwisa.org/http/index.html.

Prevent Hazard Trees from Developing

So what is a "hazard tree"? When a tree becomes hazardous, it often fails, which means a limb falls out of the tree's canopy, the trunk splits and falls to the ground, or the entire tree becomes uprooted. People often are injured and property is damaged or destroyed when this occurs.

Tips for Preventing Hazard Trees

How can you prevent a tree on your property from developing into a hazardous one? Fortunately, most hazard trees can be prevented through proper tree care. Examples include:

- ⊙ Properly planting the right tree in the right place. When you first look at a potential planting site, examine at the broad array of tree species available and determine which ones are best suited to that spot.
- ⊙ Giving trees proper arboricultural care. If you have a tree that you think may already be hazardous, consider hiring a certified arborist to conduct a tree hazard assessment.
- ⊙ Protecting trees from damage. Damage to roots is a major cause of decline, death, or physical failure. Roots can be injured by soil compaction, soil removal, severed roots, fill soil placed over roots, flooding, or drought.

Caring for Trees Pays Big Dividends

Growing and caring for trees on your property yields numerous benefits. Trees produce oxygen and clean the air of carbon dioxide. They can reduce home heating costs by as much as 30 percent and air conditioning costs by more than 15 percent.

SVS Students Receive Awards

On the first Monday of each month at our morning assembly, we present our students in grades K-8 with awards for attendance, academic achievements, citizenship, and positive behavior. Based on performance during September 2004, the classroom teachers nominated the following students:

- K: Shania Trapala-Driver, Joanna Lindstrom, Rudy Flores
 1st grade: Dylan Bisson, Daniel Lindstrom, Kateri Whitehead
 2nd grade: Nicole Wilson, Morgan Crawford
 3rd grade: Kai Skidmore, Savannah Worman
 4th grade: Morgan Woltring, Steven Lindstrom
 5th grade: Eli Grove, Angelia Lamadrid
 6th grade: Kayla Stokes, James Kirk
 7th grade: Josh Sutherland, Lindsey Grove
 8th grade: Chelsey Stewart, Dillon Blacketer

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- K: Joanna Lindstrom, Rudy Flores
 1st grade: Clarinda Black, Daniel Lindstrom

- 2nd grade: Morgan Crawford, Robert Williams
 3rd grade: Savannah Worman, San Poil Whitehead
 4th grade: Kellie Kaiser, Steven Lindstrom
 5th grade: Sophia Hendrix, Eli Grove
 6th grade: Kayla Stokes, Casee Case
 7th grade: Lindsey Grove, Tim Lindstrom
 8th grade: Kalee Abbas, Dillon Blacketer

We would like to thank Darla Grove and Candy Spelbrink for volunteering to be our volunteer coordinators. Thanks also go to Kris Whitehead and Tiffany Haynes for volunteering numerous hours to help our classes during September and the rest of our volunteers for making the start of this year a success. We had 72 volunteers and they devoted 242 hours to the school.

We also would like to thank Judy Johnson from Siletz Gas & Mini-Mart for donating three certificates for a free hot dog and drink.

Thank you for your donations and your time invested in the school. It's individuals like yourself who will make Siletz Valley an outstanding school.

Important Dates for 2004 Elections

from oregonvotes.org/dates04.htm

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| Nov. 2 | Election Day: statewide general election | declare passage of general measures |
| Dec. 2 | Last day for secretary of state to declare election of general candidates and governor to | Dec. 20 Electors of president and vice president convene at Capitol |

Voting Web Sites of Interest

www.nativevote.org

www.nationalvoice.org

<http://www.navajonationcouncil.org/GetOutVote.htm>

<http://www.rockthenativevote.com/>

<http://www.nwnativeinfo.com/index.htm>

In an effort to improve voter education, voter turnout and the dissemination of elections information – particularly details about when, where, and how to vote and how to obtain a replacement ballot – Secretary of State Bill Bradbury has developed a toll-free voter information line and Web site.

The voter information resources are:

- Call: 1-866-ORE-VOTES
 (1-866-673-8683), se habla espanol
 TTY: 1-866-350-0596 (for the hearing impaired)
 Visit: www.OregonVotes.org