

## TRIBAL MEMBER NEWS



Siletz 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade team

### High School Team Takes First

The Siletz 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade co-ed basketball team took first place in the Siletz Spring Basketball Tournament in April.

The first game was against Crescent City and Siletz lost 33-39. Chemawa then beat Crescent City, which meant that Siletz would play Crescent City again. Siletz won by forfeit.

Siletz next played Chemawa and won 47-41. Siletz played Chemawa a third time, this time for the championship, and Siletz won 51-47.

Team members included Sam Lynch, Ami Case, Monique Lane, Ashley Bellamy, Cole Jackson, Justin Fawver, Eddie Avila, Ché Butler, and Robbie Williams. Selene Rilatos and Charlie Butler coached the team.

Ashley, Cole, and Eddie were picked as all-stars and Justin was picked as MVP.

The team will play again in the Grand Ronde tournament at the end of this month.



Several Siletz Tribal members and Chinook Winds employees gather to play a round of golf and "break in" Chinook Winds Golf Resort, including Don Navarro, Mike Blacketer, Josh Blacketer, Kent Kaiser, Mike Fisher, Bensell Breon, Jim Kikumoto, Randy Fisher, Chris Philbrook, Dale Robertson, Will Robertson, and Danny Randall.

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### Walt's Words of Wit and Wisdom

by Walt Klamath

By golly, missed last month. Was in training in Tacoma, Wash. Pretty interesting training.

It was about what I have been telling our young people about – get to know who your elders are, where they were, how they got here, and all these good things. Also, who is an elder?

Personally, I have always considered an elder a grandma or grandpa or greats. But everybody is an elder to somebody. A 10-year-old is an elder to a 5-year-old, and so forth.

When I was growing up, elders – the old-timers at the time – deserved and got the respect that they had earned. Us young ones were not allowed to call them by their first names. We addressed them as Mr. So-and-so or Mrs. So-and-so.

We never talked back more than once. What our grandparents told us was the gospel and we would fight over it if there was any question.

The elders were teachers. When they spoke, we listened or at least looked like we were. As I look back today, I should have listened. The stories that were told didn't mean too much at the time, but today I can remember parts of some of them and am filling in the blanks.

I do not really know the history of what the old-timers went through. So now it's putting little pieces together and hopefully they fit

We never talked back or as I said before, maybe once, where they could hear

it anyway. I am sure that the old-timers' hearing was better than it is today. I think they could read what we were thinking.

We could get by talking back to Mom a little as long as Dad didn't hear it. We did not talk back to him.

If it came time that we did do something that we had to pay the capital punishment for and had to gather our own switch, it was best that Mom did it. She was not as tough as the old man.

When Mom figured she couldn't handle it, we had to see him – and it was a catastrophe for us. Usually though, most of the problems we encountered were for not doing something we were told to do. The rule of the thumb was, it was not to be said twice.

I say we because I know several of us who were in the same boat, so to speak, raised on the farm with all kinds of chores to do by a certain time.

When we were visiting a family, us kids were not allowed to talk, at least not very loud. We were not to interrupt the old ones while they were speaking. Sometimes us kids were lined up against the wall and sat there being quiet.

When the preacher, Roy Downey, would come to visit, I can remember waiting for them to get done eating. The kids ate last, what was left. The chicken smelled so good and we were sitting there drooling, waiting not very patiently but not saying anything either.

One time I did get a loaf of bread out of the breadbox and was quietly eating it. I was caught and if it were not for Roy's intervention, I probably would have gotten my posterior warmed a little.

The women were highly respected. If the men were smoking and a lady would come by, the man or men would put their cigar or cigarette out. They would tip their hats to them; all men wore hats. The men would give up their seats for a woman. No swear words were spoken in a lady's presence.

The women did have a tough life, though. They were in charge of the home and everything that went on in it. The man had charge of the outside.

Girls worked in the house for the most part and boys worked outside. As time went on, farming became more family-oriented. Then the boys and girls worked outside in the fields and harvesting, and the boys help prepare food for preserving.

Times have changed. I personally don't think it's for the better. I think we need to get back to family orientation, families working together and playing together. I think that it's entirely wrong for the mother to have to work in order for the family to survive.

I think that the mothers' place is teaching her children and the father's place is teaching and providing. In this day and age, though, families do not work together, play together, or pray together.

We need to turn the clock back a little.

### Chilocco Reunion

#### Make plans to Attend the Chilocco National Alumni Association Reunion

June 2-5, 2005

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Room rate: \$59 per night

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All former students, post-graduate,  
and friends are welcome!