

TRIBAL MEMBER NEWS



Chief Chewesla DePoe dances at the Willamette University Pow-Wow in Salem, Ore., as he leads a grand entry.

If I Am

Respectfully submitted by Eva E. Clayton

If I am to reach for the stars in expectations.	If I am to return what was gifted, gifting to another.
If I am to be a responsible spoke in my family circle.	If I am to strive in making a difference.
If I am to do well, defy the odds.	If I am to find humbleness within.
If I am to respect my parents, my elders.	If I am not the individual I was raised to be.
If I am to be a considerate individual within our community.	If I am 18, direct descendant child of an ancestor's dream.
If I am to honor my culture, traditions.	If I am no longer recognized as a vital part within our clan.
If I am to achieve what is expected of me.	If I am to find my way, between two worlds that part.
If I am to be the solution, not the problem.	If I am to challenge ageless discrimination.
If I am to feel the feelings of others.	If I am to trust what you have to say.
If I am encouraged to listen for quiet sorrowful sobs.	If I am to survive, please look within.
If I am to share what is in my heart.	A reflection you see.

2006 Standing Committee Openings

Any tribal member interested in serving on a committee for a **two-year term** must fill out the following form and return it to the address below to be considered for the following committees.

Please mail or fax your application to Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Attn: Executive Secretary to Tribal Council, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549; Fax: 541-444-8325.

Name: _____ Roll No: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: Day () _____ Evening () _____

Choose the first, second, and third choice of committees you are requesting by numbering your preference 1, 2, 3 in the space provided. If you only want to request one committee, please indicate this by inserting the number 1. **Committee appointments are for a two-year term.**

_____ Education Committee (1)	_____ Housing Committee (fill vacant position for 1 year)
_____ Pow-Wow Committee (open)	

Tribal Council will review applications and approve appointments at the Regular Tribal Council meeting in April 2006. If you have any questions, please call Tami Miner at 1-800-922-1399 or 541-444-2532.

Remembering Dolly

by Mary Jane Robb

Today, even though the sun is shining
I feel shadows
The trees are still
And the only pounding of ocean waves
Is the echo of my own heart

Memories move in and out of
My book of life
Once Dolly and I were young
And I think we both
Were always searching
For the meaning of life
And we found many of the answers

I found them in my parents, my children,
My friends and my God who never gave
up on me.

The first time I saw Dolly
I thought how aptly she was named.
What a beautiful woman.
But there was much more to her than
beauty.

I chuckle through the memories.
You see, we were room mothers together
Which is always either maddening or
amusing.
I shared that adventure with Dolly.
I will never forget it.

Years later, another time, another place
At a large table in the banquet room

We were celebrating Dolly and Dan's
50th wedding anniversary.
It was a wonderful crowd of family
and friends,
And as I watched, I was aware of a
presence
Greater than we are
That walked through the crowd.
The spirits of love and light,
Maybe it was an angel or two.
Warmth flooded the room
I turned and looked at Dolly
Joy was there,
Dolly's face was filled with
Love of family
Love of friends
Love of just being.
Dolly had never been more beautiful
I shall always remember that day

This morning she left us.
Her mission is over and she brightened
the world.
What greater thing can one do?
She is no longer earthbound,
And, in my soul, I hold a picture of Dolly
In transition this morning.

Perhaps she is walking the arc of the
rainbow,
Maybe she is dancing on the tip of a wave,
Or maybe she is holding onto a rising star.
Dolly has gone home.
Bless her, Great God.

Fund-Raisers for Native Students

by Juanita Whitebear

The Native students of Taft High School and Taft Middle School are trying to raise enough funds to attend a youth leadership conference in Pendleton, Ore., on May 11-13, 2006.

Our club, NSA, is having a raffle and other fund-raisers. We are asking for community support by donating items and attending our fund-raisers.

On May 1, 2006, Amber Boyden, president of Taft High Native Student club, will pick the tickets on the morning show of local radio station KBCH. You do not need to be present to win. Winners will be notified and the items will be mailed or can be picked up at your convenience at Taft High School.

So far we have a Pendleton blanket, a Pendleton purse, Chinook Winds

concert tickets, Chinook Winds Rogue River Room dinners, and Mo's Restaurant dinners.

Students will have two car washes, April 1 and April 15 at the Rite-Aid parking lot in Lincoln City from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We will sell Indian tacos during the Great Oregon Coast Garage Sale at the Seafoam Rebekah Lodge behind the Tanger Outlet Center on April 21-22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Signs will be posted. Come join us and eat while you shop!

If you would like to donate any items, please contact me at Taft High School, 541-996-2115, or send it to Taft High C/O NSA, 3780 Spyglass Ridge Road, Lincoln City, OR 97367.

Thank you!

Emma's Project Needs Your "Junk"

Emma's Project will participate in the community-wide garage sale April 21-23 again this year. We are accepting donations of garage sale items at this time. We also will accept items for our silent auction that we plan to hold at the sale.

We are looking for any items that would interest someone, but especially items that are unique or unusual. We

can provide you with a tax receipt for the 2006 tax year.

Donated items can be dropped off at Napa Auto Parts (1221 SW Highway 101) in Lincoln City or you can call 541-994-6652 to arrange for delivery or pickup.

We also are always accepting soda cans that can be redeemed for cash and school supplies.

Thank you for your help and we hope to see you at the sale!