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## Siletz Youth Garner National Attention

A DEC (Drug-Endangered Children) Grant-funded project – No Meth Not Here – was completed by eight local Siletz youth, including three tribal members – Chris Crawford, Nicole Fisher, and Darian Dorman – along

with tribal member Joe Scott, sixth-grade teacher at Siletz Valley School.

The project has gained national recognition for its hard-hitting message to all.

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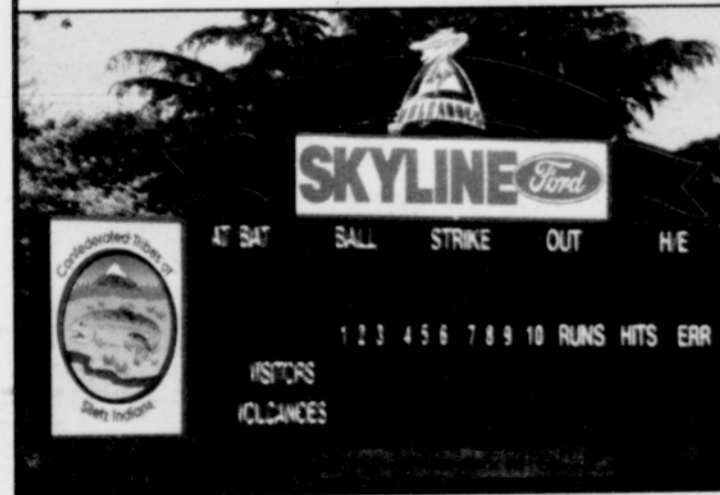
poster, “Helping Hands Stop Drugs,” please contact Delina John, prevention coordinator, at 541-444-8267 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1267; or DeAnna Pearl, TPEP coordinator, at 541-444-9659 or 1-800-648-0449, ext. 1659.



Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley (far right) and General Manager Brenda Bremner (far left) place a traditional Native blanket around the shoulders of Salem-Keizer Volcanoes owners Jerry and Lisa Walker on June 18 at Volcanoes Stadium. The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians will be a major sponsor of the Volcanoes this season in an effort to promote the tribe's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Restoration. Tribal members and their families will be able to attend games under the terms of the sponsorship. Siletz Tribal Night is set for July 13 at Volcanoes Stadium. The tribe will be recognized as a sponsor and honored for the Restoration celebration. For tickets to the game, call the tribe's Public Information Department at 541-444-8291 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1291.

## Tribe Has Giant Dreams

The Volcanoes are a minor league affiliate in the San Francisco Giants organization. The tribe's logo is prominently displayed on the scoreboard at Volcanoes Stadium. (photos by Brent Merrill)



## Siletz Tribal Restoration – A 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

### Part III – The Return From Termination

by Brent Merrill

Siletz Tribal Council member Loraine Butler was a little girl when the federal government told her people they were no longer Indians.

“I was maybe 6 or 7 when termination happened,” said Butler of the termination of the Siletz Tribe on Aug. 13, 1954. “We lived on the hill with my grandma – Ethel Logan Guardipee. I remember we had to relocate to Salem.”

Her grandma felt things would never be the same.

“She was never happy after that.”

She remembers talking with others about her tribe.

“I spoke up and said, ‘I’m a Siletz Indian.’ I was told there is no such thing. Even though I was a child, it made me so angry.”

No such thing as a Siletz Indian.

The dominant-culture academics consider 1945 through 1961 as “the termination period.” Policy makers in the United States held a fragmented and unrealistic view of tribes 60 years ago.

Some felt tribes should be allowed to follow what traditional beliefs and activities they had left. Others felt tribal people should not be given even the basic human rights afforded to prisoners of war.

A 1943 Senate Report on Tribal Policy outlined the divide over the “Indian problem.”

“While the original aim of federal policy was to make the Indian a citizen, the present aim appears to be to keep the Indian an Indian and to make him satisfied with all the limitations of a primitive life. We are striving mightily to help him recapture his ancient, worn-out cultures, which are now a vague mem-

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