

Walt's Words of Wit and Wisdom

by Walt Klamath

Well, it has been quite awhile since I have written anything; have written about everything I know and some things I don't know.

Guess I could use what I learned in college - "If you can't dazzle them with knowledge, baffle them with nonsense." See, education does do some good.

The Deer

Frances has been gardening like crazy around the place. We had a deer fence all the way around except for about 10 feet by the house. Frances went out and there were deer tracks in her garden. The deer didn't catch the dickens, but I did.

Now the deer are moping around the place, sulking. They walk through the pasture and won't even look at the house or us. They are teaching us a lesson, getting even.

Last year in one of the gardens, the deer went under the fence, which is about 18 inches off the ground so we can work the weed-eater under the fence. Well, I dropped the electric fence down again; they were disturbed with us.

The other day while clearing a view to get on the road from the driveway, a mama and two fawns at least a foot tall came out on the road. The fawns stopped in the middle of the road; mama was not too happy with them.

A car came and those fawns stayed right there; the car went around them. A pickup with big wheels and a noisy motor came at a high rate of speed and blew his horn. The fawns, I think, thought it was music and just stood there and listened.

The Worms and The Birds

This is such a good time of year for all new trees, animals, and birds. While fixing a water line after moving the deer fence burying the water pipe, I dug up some nice red worms. Now the robins are used to Frances and they follow her around catching the worms. The robins weren't too sure about me, though.

Mama or papa saw these worms that were dug up. The bird went from a post about 20 feet from me to a tree in the field, then came back to a post maybe 15 feet away. The worms were a-wiggling like crazy; they probably were a little uncomfortable with that robin flying around.

After about 10 minutes, the bird did make it to 5 feet from where I was leaning on the shovel handle. Then that robin made its play about 2 feet from me.

The worm, however, had other ideas because that robin could not get that worm out of its hole quickly. The bird had to do some big-time pulling. The worm stretched out seemed like a

foot before that robin took off to wherever his/her babies were.

Now the pigeons we could do without. Those dadburned flying whatever-they-are eat every last cherry on the tree - every one. They don't leave any. Only consolation about them is they don't like blueberries. Other birds do, but they don't take all of the berries.

The Lizards and The Cat

Then we have a whole bunch of lizards that like the sweat lodge area. There must be 20 of them - or one doing a lot of traveling. That could be, too, because they are faster than greased lightning.

I can't remember what kind of lizard it is, but it's on the insurance advertisement. They might like the heat in the lodge after everyone leaves, or maybe they are trying to intimidate us so we won't go in and they can have it to themselves.

Then there is a darn cat that moved in. The squirrel situation is pretty meek and the rabbit population is low too, so the cat eats dinner then goes out and catches dessert. I like the chipmunks around, but the cat likes them better, I guess.

Well, maybe I can use my college education next month, so do take care of yourselves.

Culture Camp FAQ

- When is Culture Camp? July 17-19, 2007
- Where is Culture Camp? Government Hill/Tyee Illahee in Siletz
- What should campers bring? Sleeping bags, pillows, toiletries; nothing valuable such as a Walkman, iPods, etc.
- Who gets to camp overnight? Only tribal members who live outside of the Siletz area.
- When can campers arrive? July 16 and must be checked out by 11 a.m. on July 20. Meals, however, are not provided on these days.
- How do you reserve a tipi? Please contact Selene at 1-800 922-1399, ext. 1246, or 541-444-8246.
- Are meals provided? Meals are provided from July 17-19; three meals each day and morning/mid-day snacks.
- Is this for tribal members only and how old does a child need to be to have a chaperone? This camp is for tribal members/families only and children age 10 and under need a chaperone.
- CTSI is not responsible for lost or stolen items and this is an ATOD-free camp.

Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow

Attention Pow-Wow Campers

Campers for this year's Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. The pow-wow is on Aug. 10-12.

There will be a \$15 garbage charge per campsite, with one vehicle per campsite. If you have additional vehicles or are unable to park your vehicle at your campsite, you will need to park at one of our parking lots off of the pow-wow grounds.

Please keep pets off of the pow-wow grounds and on a leash at all times.

Camper registration forms and fees will be collected on site.

Nuu-wee-ya'

(our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan Language

Open to tribal members of all ages

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center

July 16 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Aug. 15 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office

July 10 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Aug. 14 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office

July 9 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Aug. 7 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Eugene

Eugene Area Office

July 5 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Aug. 6 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tribal members who need help on cultural projects should contact the Siletz Culture Department. We can assist you prior to the language classes.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Culture Department at 541-444-8320 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

Number Assigned: _____

2007 Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow Parade Participant Entry Form

Parade registration will be at the Siletz Tribal administration building directly next to the Siletz Community Health Clinic

Name/Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

Please circle a category below that describes you or your organization:

- 1.) Commercial
- 2.) Non-Commercial
- 3.) Equestrian (not including royalty)
- 4.) Tribal Royalty
- 5.) Other Royalty (including any equestrian royalty)
- 6.) Cultural Float
- 7.) Tribal Dance Group
- 8.) Auto
- 9.) Tribal Administration Staff

Please indicate how you would like the emcee to announce you or your organization:

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Aug. 11, 2007. Please be registered, in line, and ready for judging by 9 a.m.

Please note: If you are not registered by 9 a.m. you will not be judged, and no registrations will be accepted after 9:30 a.m.

Bring application with you or send to: CTSI/Parade
 Phone: 1-800-922-1399, ext.1230 P.O. Box 549
 541-444-8230 Siletz, OR 97380-0549