

PASSAGES

Thank you, Rose, for being my information center for all the who, where and when since we moved to Siletz.

Also, thank you and Brenda for all the food, flowers and comfort when we lost our son John. You'll never know how much it meant to Bill and I. We even had a few laughs before you left. Sorry it's taken so long but am able now to talk about him without breaking down.

Thank you so much, Wanda and Bill

Happy 40th Anniversary to Gerald and Jackie Ben.

With love, the Ben family

Happy 40th Anniversary!

Creating Healthy Spaces for Us All

For more than 37 years, the Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest (NARA NW) has worked to provide American Indians and Alaska Natives in the Portland area with information and support to live healthy lives.

In keeping with our mission and to create healthy spaces for our clients, on May 1, 2008, NARA NW implemented a new tobacco policy prohibiting the use of commercial tobacco indoors and within 25 feet of windows, doors, ramps and air intakes.

This new policy applies to all employees, clients and visitors and all NARA NW facilities. The only exception to this policy is a designated smoking area at the residential treatment facility.

To ensure that this new policy is implemented smoothly, NARA NW will educate staff and clients on the differences between commercial tobacco use and traditional tobacco use, integrate tobacco cessation programs in treatment plans and continue to offer opportunities to engage in traditional tobacco ceremonies.

Commercial tobacco use is addictive and harmful, and is the leading cause of illness and death in Oregon. American Indians and Alaska Natives have higher rates of commercial tobacco use than any other racial or ethnic group in Oregon – 38 percent compared to 19 percent of the general population.

We can change this, together. When we reduce commercial tobacco use and its impacts, we will all be healthier.

The new policy on tobacco use is consistent with our mission to provide education as well as physical and mental health services to American Indians and Alaska Natives. With this policy, we can better support our clients and their health decisions while continuing to honor the spiritual use of traditional tobacco.

If you have questions about NARA NW's tobacco policy, please contact Becky Wright at 503-230-9875.



We'd like to show our love and appreciation to our "House Mother," coordinator of the TLC, Lynn Brooks-Whitlow. We love you, Lynn, and are grateful for **all** the things you do for us and the community.

Love, the TLC girls

Delina – Happy Birthday, babe. You've come a long way. Keep up the good work.

Love, Mom and Sister

Happy Birthday, Mom. We love you.

Love, Darian and Daniel

Happy Belated Mother's Day to my mother, Esther Lane, and my sister, Anna Lane. Thank you both for everything you do.

Happy Belated B-day to Mom, Alex, Tehya, Greg and Jason.

Tehya – Hi, little cousin. Congratulations on the Honor Roll! Keep up the hard but awesome work!

Hello to all the kids. I miss and love you all!

Love, Jennifer Rae

Happy Birthday, Corina. You're still a part of our family and we want to wish you the best in your life, and Annika. Have a Happy Birthday, a good day and remember you're always on our minds.

Love ya', from the Cordova, Rilatos, Smith, Gray, Hibdon and Ingle families

Happy 18th Birthday to my first-born daughter. I'll always love you and continue to grow grey hair for what I (hmm), I mean we've been through.

Love, Mom+2, Jon, Seth, KJ and Teonna

Happy 1st Birthday to my first-born granddaughter, Natalia, a.k.a. Sponge Bob, whose eyes light up my heart.

Love, Grandma, Uncles Jon, Seth and KJ, and Aunt Teonna

My beautiful granddaughter, Lynetta Benedict – **OMG! 18 years old!** Wishing you a very joyous birthday.

Love, Grandma Joella

Happy Birthday, Dad. You don't look a day over 29!

Happy Birthday, Sharon. Looks like you've caught up to your father's age.

Love, Tonya, Dennis, Jared and Justin

Happy 18th, Justin! You can finally get that tattoo.

Love you lots, Mom, Dad and Brother



Go, Rita, go! Happy Birthday. Take a break and enjoy the day.

Maggie, Jen, and Michele

Trishy Winn – You are my favorite!

Birdy (Pretty Bird) – You are my favorite!

Love, Jo Jo

Gloria Hutchinson – The winds tell me you're doing well. I also hear you're a serious baller ... on the court or on the field. Way to represent, Gloria! Keep holdin' it down for the fam and the people.

Respects and things, Jo

Happy Birthday!

Little Richard, a.k.a. Richard Leaton – You might not dance like James Brown, but you can sure holler Bingo. Happy Birthday!

Always, Joella

My first great-granddaughter, Nattie (Natalia) – Happy #1 Birthday!

Love, Great-Grandma Joella

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to Lisa Norton! I just want you to know that I'm very proud of you in the direction of your life.

Happy Birthday to Maggie Norton! Party time – hope you have a babysitter!

Happy Belated Birthday to Brandon Brooks (23) and Tabatha Pulley (24) on May 13. Sorry it's late.

Happy Belated Birthday, Billy. Miss you and hope to see you soon.

Love, Md and Nahn

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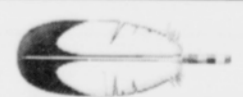
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