

# Basket made by Ella Ben returned to Tribe by former Siletz-area family

By Selene Rilatos

We are so honored to receive a basket made by our grandmother, Ella Ben, that has been donated to the Tribe from the Faulkner family.

Denise Faulkner Woodward is the granddaughter of Sandy and Ron Faulkner. Denise said the basket was given to her grandparents and they believed it was from the Ben family. They had it full of baby chicks in trade for fresh vegetables.

After seeing the basket and, with Cultural Director Robert Kentta, comparing it to others that Grandma Ella has made, we're quite positive that Grandma Ella is the weaver.

Our family met up with the Faulkner family at the Stillwater Pow-Wow in Red-

ding, Calif., on Oct. 3 and that's when we accepted the basket. Denise was joined by her father, "Moose" Faulkner; her daughter, Dionne; grandson Darrin; and granddaughter Carissa to visit with us at the pow-wow.

Moose told us so many wonderful stories of Siletz days when he lived there and raised his family. He owned the gas station in Siletz and moved his family away 38 years ago.

Present at the pow-wow were Ed Ben Jr., Brandy Ben Kibby, Faith Kibby, Hope Kibby, Jaimoe Kibby, Jai Kibby, Kelly Marzan, Jerome Marzan, Lisa Williamson, John Williams, Tasha Rilatos and myself.



Courtesy photo

Back row (l to r): Dionne Woodward Gibson, Denise Faulkner Woodward, Moose Faulkner, Ed Ben Jr. and Selene Rilatos; front row (l to r): Carissa Gibson (in pink) and Darrin Gibson (in orange).



Photo by Diane Rodriguez

State Representative David Gomberg (left) of Oregon's 10<sup>th</sup> District and U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader of Oregon's 5<sup>th</sup> District have a discussion prior to the Candidates Fair at Chinook Winds Casino Resort on Oct. 12. They were among nearly 20 candidates who are on the ballot in Lincoln City, Ore., who attended the fair.

## President announces date of sixth White House Tribal Nations Conference

WASHINGTON – On Dec. 3, President Obama will host the 2014 White House Tribal Nations Conference at the Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C.

The conference will provide leaders from the 566 federally recognized Tribes the opportunity to interact directly with the president and members of the White House Council on Native American Affairs. Each federally recognized Tribe

will be invited to send one representative to the conference.

This will be the sixth White House Tribal Nations Conference for the Obama administration. It continues to build upon the president's commitment to strengthen the government-to-government relationship with Indian Country and improve the lives of American Indians.

Additional details about the conference will be released at a later date.

## BLM announces fee-free days for 2015

The Bureau of Land Management, in conjunction with other agencies within the Department of the Interior, will waive recreation-related fees for visitors to the National System of Public Lands on four occasions in 2015 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan. 19), Presidents' Day weekend (Feb. 14-16), National Public Lands Day (Sept. 26) and Veterans Day (Nov. 11).

One fee-free remains for 2014 – Veteran's Day, Nov. 11.

"We want everyone to enjoy the incredible recreation opportunities available on BLM-managed public lands," said BLM Director Neil Kornze. "Waiving fees is also a way of reaching out to those of you who may not yet know that we offer more recreational opportunities than any other land management agency – from hunting and fishing to mountain biking and hiking – and we look forward to welcoming you!"

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public lands, which provide numerous opportunities for a wide range of recreational opportunities from hiking, fishing and camping to riding off-highway vehicles and rock climbing.

About 61 million visits were made to BLM-managed lands and waters in 2013, supporting more than 42,000 jobs nationwide and contributing nearly \$5.5 billion to the nation's economy.

Site-specific standard amenity and individual day-use fees at BLM recreation sites and areas will be waived for the specified dates. Other fees, such as overnight camping, cabin rentals and group day use, will remain in effect.

More details about fee-free days and activities on BLM-managed public lands are available at [blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/Recreation/BLM\\_Fee\\_Free\\_Days.html](http://blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/Recreation/BLM_Fee_Free_Days.html).

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska.

The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation.

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