

Merchants 1983 Holiday Classic Champs

Memorial weekend, May 28 and 29, the Siletz Merchants men's slow-pitch softball team hosted an eight team tournament in Siletz, Oregon. Saturday's round robin with 3 games guaranteed per team, provided a day of excitement for the many local and valley Tribal members.

Valley teams consisted of the Springfield Winterhawks, Dow Corning of Eugene, and Sweet Home Stoveworks. Local entries were the Angell Job Corps from Yachats, Brown's Logging, Toledo, Sandbar Tavern from Newport and the Hamm's Boys and Merchants, both from Siletz.

Four teams advanced to Sunday's double elimination round with Sandbar Tavern

taking home the 4th place trophy. Other hardware winners were Dow Corning, 3rd place; Brown's Logging, 2nd place; and the Siletz Merchants capturing top honors after two grueling days with a remarkable 6-0 record.

Special team awards went to the Hamm's Boys for Sportsmanship, and the Siletz Merchants for "single-game most runs scored."

Tribal members receiving individual recognition for All-Star awards were Bristo Bayya and Otto John, both from the championship team, and Wazzy Case, playing for Brown's Logging.

Other Tribal members on the Championship team were Eugene Williams, Jr., Bobby Bayya, Terry Fisher and Jerry Howell.



Kneeling, l. to r.: Larry Hibdon, Bobby Bayya, Otto ohn, Ron Hervey & Kelly Green. Standing, l. to r.: Jerry Wolf, Terry Weaver, Terry Fisher, Joe Bird, Dave Woody, Dave Hueth & Jerry Howell. Not pictured: Bristo Bayya and Poppa Williams.

Siletz Women's Softball Team

The Confederated tribes of Siletz and National Security Bank, Noel's Market, Storm Antenna, Weaver's 76 Union Station, have sponsored the Siletz Women's softball team this year. The team name is "Siletz Mahkook Man" meaning Merchant in Chinook jargon. The Toledo women's league began June 7. All the women's games will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Toledo. Team members are Cathy Patterson, Val Rilatos, Selene Brandt, Denise Mendibles, Rose Seminary, Mary Varner, Sharon Edenfield, Mona Fisher, Marcella Butler, Shannon Welch, Lori Case, Fonda Case, Kathy Rilatos, Cheryl Lane, Kristi Martin, Rayne Blacketer, Kathy Hibdon, Coach Bristo Bayya, Assistant Coach Dan Rilatos.

"Siletz Nation" Traveling To White Swan

The Confederated tribes of Siletz Indians are sponsoring an all-Indian Tribal men's softball team to participate in the 6th annual "Scalpers" slow-pitch softball tournament in White Swan, Washington, June 11 and 12.

The tournament will be held in addition to the Tinowit Pow Wow and 26th annual All-Indian Rodeo running June 9 through 12.

Team members consist of Wazzy Case, Bret Lane, Leon Metcalf, Terry Fisher, Bobby Bayya, Ducky Simmons, Otto John, Mike Fisher, Greg Goodell, Frank Simmons, Jerry Howell, Sam Bayya and coach Bristo Bayya.

The team members have been working hard to raise money to help with travel expenses. They had a bottle drive, car wash and baked food sale. The money they raised will be used for meals for the team. The players would like to thank the Siletz community and Tribal members for their support to raise money for this tournament.

"Siletz Nation" will play their first ball game Saturday, June 11, against the winner of the Umatilla/Wapato Braves.

GOOD LUCK, SILETZ!!



Bonnie Peterson, Tribal member, graduated from the University of Oregon this year she majored in Political Science. Bonnie is planning to work for one year and then apply to law school.

Jerry Howell Graduates

Jerry Howell graduated from Taft High School this year. Honor student and All Star Val-Co League.



Jim Crabtree, J.O.M. student graduated from Springfield High School this year. Jim has been active with the Indian Youth Club this year. Jim is Sioux and Wylackie Indian, parents are Roy and Sharon Crabtree.



Aileen Hatch, Tribal member, graduated from the University of Oregon this year. She majored in Geography, and is currently employed by the Eugene Parks and Recreation Department.



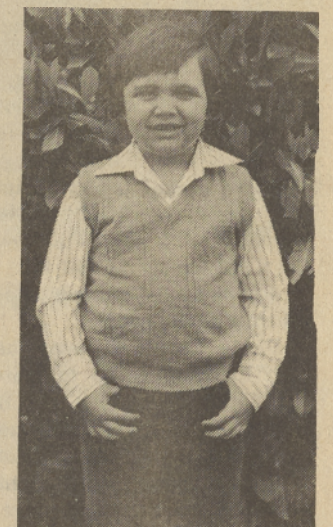
Florenia Kentta, Siletz, Yurok Tribal Member, Haskell Indian Jr. College, Kansas.



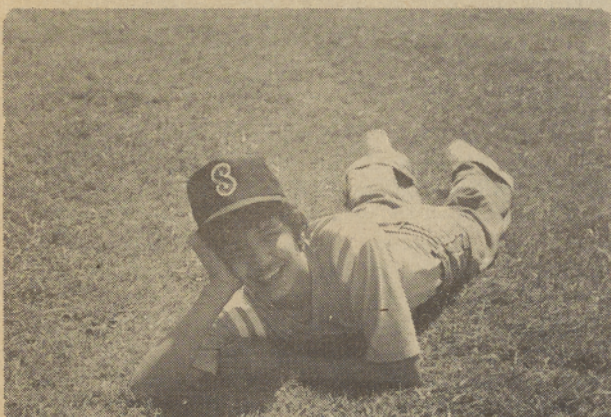
Starr Staggs, Tribal member, graduated from Springfield Kindergarten this year. Starr's parents are Charles and Connie Staggs.



Jim Werth, Tribal member, graduated from Springfield High School this year. Jim has been active with the varsity Golf team and Band for four years. His future plans are to attend college. Parents are Alice and Gene Werth.



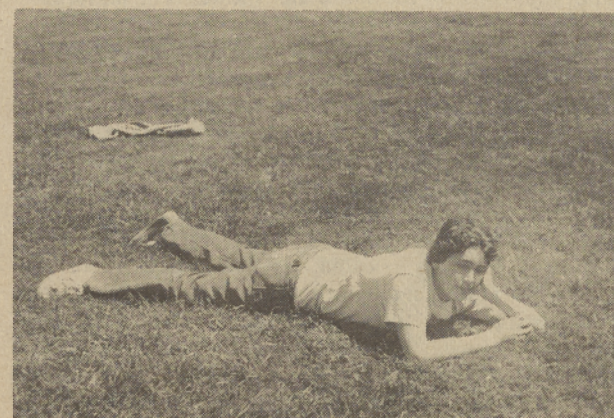
Jason McKnight, Tribal member, graduated from Springfield Kindergarten this year. Jason is the son of Melvin McKnight.



Dale "Yogi" Varner, Nakima Indian, Siletz High School Graduate. Parents: Gary and Mary Varner.



Morgan Savage, native Alaskan Indian, Siletz High School Graduate.



Tony Whitehead, Tribal member, graduated Siletz High School.