

SALEM AREA NEWS — 393-3903

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THANK YOU . . .

The Salem Area office would like to thank Tribal members Robb Pearson and Rodney Ben for their volunteer help during the fresh salmon distribution in Salem. Their assistance was greatly appreciated by Terry Russell, Randy Butler, Diane Russell Gilila, Sharmaine Scott, Susan Bevins, and Mike Bevins in the cutting and packing of the salmon. Thank you also to our Tribal members who waited patiently in line even though the weather didn't cooperate.

SALEM HOSTS ALCOHOL SUPPORT GROUP

The Salem Area Office has been hosting a Alcohol support group for Native American every Monday night at 7 p.m. We have had a super turnout. We welcome all who would care to join us. On August 18, at 7 p.m. John Mackey from Indian Health Services in Portland will be our guest speaker. Mr. Mackey will talk on "Tough Love" and ways of dealing with alcohol and drugs to make your life free of chemical dependence. Please come and join us. Any questions please call Sue or Jolyne at 393-3903 or Mary Nevins at 792-3697 Ext. 79.



NEW JOM COORDINATOR FOR SALEM

Lois Blumenstein is the new JOM Coordinator for the Salem Area Office. Lois has worked in Alaska and Canada in Native school districts, at Chemeketa Community College, the University of Oregon, and other educational settings.

In Alaska she travelled by single-engine aircraft around a 35,000 square mile school district of 14 schools to develop Reading and Language Arts programs for village schools (K-12 grades). . . and swears that it was among her most rewarding and exhausting experiences.

Lois has worked with other Federal education programs and is excited about JOM and looks forward to getting to know our Area members.

Please feel free to stop in and get acquainted. Lois will be in the Salem office 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays.



Mark A. Pullam — Mark is a fifth year Higher Ed student at Western Oregon State College. The school is located at Monmouth, Oregon. Mark will graduate at the end of Summer Term with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. Mark plans on working in the Social Service field but still plans on returning to school to obtain a Masters degree in Minority Counseling. During the school year as part of his Education program Mark worked with the Tribe's Family Advocate Program. We congratulate Mark for his education accomplishments and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Student Gathering



On June 1, 1986 the Education Committee members held the 1st Annual Gathering for the present Higher Education Program and Adult Vocational Training Students.

The Gathering-Students' Day was to bring attention and recognition to all our present students for their great effort to reach their educational goals; to thank the family members for their support; to gather all our students together at one time; to give special recognition to graduating students and give each student a small gift (a handcrafted knife for the male students and a small beaded purse for the female students).

Approximately 50 people attended the gathering which included a potluck dinner.

The following students that attended were: Randy Butler, Daniel Lundy, Mark Pullam, and Brad Darcy of the Higher Education Program; for the Adult Vocational Training Program they were: Joyce Millsap and Dianne McLeod.

We would like to give special thanks to Arthur S. Bensell, Mike Darcy, and Ted Werth. The Education Committee asked these three Tribal members to be guest speakers at our student gathering — all three accepted and gave very important messages to the students and others in attendance plus congratulating the graduating students.

We hope to continue these student gatherings. We feel it's important to recognize the students and their families for their efforts. The food was plentiful and good and we had fun playing a version of Trivia Pursuit that included questions regarding the Tribe's History and Education. Two teams were composed — students versus Education committee members and guest speakers. Thanks to all that attended and students — "Keep up the good work"!

Student Update



Mary Loy — Mary is a Higher Ed student. She is in her second year at Portland Community College. Mary is pursuing a Nursing Degree. She has not selected a specific nursing program. Mary is working very hard to earn transfer credits and to be accepted in a nursing school program.

"Opinions Questions Concerns"

All letters received will be printed. Please type or write legible, no profane language will be printed. All letters must include your name and address. Send letters to: "Siletz News", P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR. 97380. Questions? Call 444-2536.



Sharon L. Ricketts — Sharon is an Adult Vocational student enrolled at Mt. Hood Community College located in Gresham, OR. Her course of study is Medical Secretary. She has a 3.50 accumulative grade point average. This fall she will start the second year of her two year program.



Dianne L. McLeod — Dianne is a second year student at Linn-Benton Community College located in Albany, OR. She is enrolled in their Legal Secretary course. Dianne has a 3.50 grade point average and has received a special award for her shorthand skills. Congratulations Dianne, all your hard work is paying off.



Teresa Monteverdi — Teresa is a second year Higher Ed student at Portland State University. She is pursuing a degree in the Medical field. Teresa has worked very hard and has a very high grade point average to show for all of her hard work (3.68 GPA). Keep up the good work, the Tribal staff and members are proud of the effort you are making.



Joyce Millsap — Joyce is a member of the Grand Ronde Tribe and she graduated this spring from Lane Community College. She obtained a two-year associate degree in Medical Office Assisting. She hopes to get a job with her Tribe but plans to work for an Indian Tribe or Indian organization. As part of this article she wanted to thank the Tribe and Tribal staff for helping her reach her educational goal.