

Elders Program Update

A group of tribal members gathered to discuss the needs of tribal elders. Manual Rilatos, Phil Rilatos, Tina Jones and Angella Robertson met to identify the needs of elders, what resources the Tribe and local agencies had to meet these needs, and the remaining unmet needs. Of the 19 areas identified, few had any resources and most of these were limited.

The top three priorities to make the Elders Program successful were identified as:

- 1) Transportation for Elders
- 2) Volunteers
- 3) Funds for Gasoline

Armed with this information, grant funding is being sought to help pay for this program. A \$500 mini-grant, from the Community Services Consortium, was awarded to the Tribe. These monies will be used to purchase two digital blood pressure kits and funding to reimburse volunteers for transporting elders.

At the present time we are providing services to elders entirely through volunteers. In the past few weeks, elders were matched up with a younger tribal member to correspond and visit with, and special occasion cards have been sent.

We are currently looking for volunteers to participate in this program. If you are interested in transporting elders to meetings, potlucks, and on general errands, or if you are interested in being matched with an elder to visit with, please contact the tribal office at 444-2533 and leave a message for the Elders Program. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible. For those of you who have already called — Thank you. We will be calling on you really soon.

Elders Potluck A Success

The first monthly Elders Potluck was held on February 22, 1987. Approximately 60 people were in attendance to feast on salmon, deer and bear roast, steamer clams, clam chowder, crab salad, and more. A special thanks goes to everyone who brought food and to the Indian Youth Club who helped serve and clean up.

Next month's potluck is scheduled for March 22, 1987, at 1:00 p.m. at the Tribal Community Center. Bring your favorite dish and elder.

Any elder in the Siletz area needing a ride, please leave a message at the Tribal Office at 444-2533, and the Elders Program will try to arrange a ride to and from the potluck.

Language Workshops

Notice: Athapascan Language Workshops

Location: Siletz Tribal Community Center

Schedule: March 28, 10:00 a.m. (lunch break) 4:00 p.m.

April 11, 1:00 p.m. (lunch break) 6:00 p.m.

April 25, 10:00 a.m. (lunch break) 4:00 p.m.

May 30, 10:00 a.m. (lunch break) 4:00 p.m.

May 9, 10:00 a.m. (lunch break) 4:00 p.m.

You are encouraged to participate in this series of five workshops to learn to converse in Athapascan; a dialect that was spoken by several groups of Tututni, Chetco and Smith River Tribes. The instructor for the workshops will be Loren Bommelyn. Materials will be provided to tribal members in attendance. Please call (503) 444-2532, ext. 30, Cynthia Viles, or Toll-free within Oregon at 1-800-922-1399 for more information.

Thomas Doty

Storyteller — Poet — Teacher

Stories and Songs from the Native Northwest

Program Sponsors: Siletz Tribal J.O.M., Adult Ed., and Head Start, the Lincoln County School District — Title IV, and Siletz School, and the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts.

Location: Siletz School, Little gym.

Schedule: April 9, School performances.

April 10, Public Performance — 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

April 11, Workshop — 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

"The Truths of Myth" by Thomas Doty

"To speak of myth as something untrue, fanciful or unreal does it a somber injustice. Native myths contain the history, the psychology, ethnographical data, the creative imagination, the intimate thinking — the mythos of an ancient people. For centuries Native Americans have used local myths to learn about themselves. They are a natural learning tool, and they are alive. Use them. They work."

Indian Youth Club Serves Elders

The Siletz School Indian coffee Club (grades 5-8) did a wonderful job of helping at the first monthly Elders Potluck during February. Club members, listed below, filled coffee cups and cleared dishes. All the adults who witnessed their service were proud.

MELISSA BUTLER, FISH MARTINEZ, ROBBY RILATOS, DEREK SIMMONS.

And a very special thank you to ANDREA AND BRENDA BUTLER for all their support and help.

The Indian Youth Club continues to meet weekly on WEDNESDAYS, 4:30 PM, SILETZ SCHOOL TITLE IV CLASSROOM. Future meeting topics cover field trip planning, mini-pow wow developing, and community service to Elders. All Title IV and JOM students were invited to visit.

JOM Notes

JOM or Johnson O'Malley is a federally funded Indian education program administered by the Siletz Tribe. JOM serves Indian students, grades K-12, in the Salem, Springfield and Siletz service areas.

Each year the Siletz JOM Parent Committee approves an education plan to help meet the special academic, political and cultural needs of Indian students. Programs include: tutoring, kindergarten tuition assistance, Indian Youth Club, summer cultural encampment and other unique opportunities. Our Siletz JOM Program coordinates closely with the Lincoln County School District Title IV Program to effectively reach all our Indian children.

To be eligible, students must be either ENROLLED in a recognized Indian tribe or meet the 1/4 blood quantum guidelines. Parents should contact Denise Wilson, JOM Coordinator in Siletz, to complete a student information form. By adding your child to the 1987 JOM Student List, you insure their eligibility for future program offerings.

SPECIAL DATES:

MARCH 4, ONGOING — Every Wednesday at 4:30 pm in the Title IV classroom the Indian Youth Club meets. Their activities include community service work, field trips and a mini pow-wow.

MARCH 7, 1987 — SATURDAY — PORTLAND ART MUSEUM FIELD TRIP. After touring an exhibit of over 350 Indian arts .. crafts, Lost & Found Traditions, the group will have an early dinner at the Organ Grinder. Cost is \$1.00 per student, admission fee, transportation and dinner will be provided. A SIGN-UP SHEET is posted in the Title IV classroom, interested students need to sign as soon as possible.

APRIL 9, 10 & 11, 1987 — STORYTELLING WITH TOM DOTY. Tom Doty, a storyteller and poet, will give an evening presentation of Northwest Indian tales and myths at the Siletz School on April 10, 1987. Saturday, April 11, a workshop to develop storytelling skills will be given to children and adults. For more information, contact Denise Wilson or Cynthia Viles.

APRIL 21, 1987 — SILETZ JOM PARENT COMMITTEE MEETING. Public meeting open to all, at 7:00 pm, Siletz Area Office.

Siletz JOM Relocates!

At the invitation of Ann Goddard and Selene Rilatos, the Siletz JOM Program moved from Aldridge House to the Siletz School Title IV classroom. Space sharing with Title IV will benefit the program in many ways; some cost savings will be realized and more coordination between the two Indian education programs will be possible. Most important though, the JOM students will have easy access to the coordinator during the school day.

Such an innovation would not have been possible without the support of Ann Goddard, Selene Rilatos, Mike Darcy, Mike Kenney, Phil Rilatos, Siletz Tribal Council and Siletz JOM Parent Committee. Thank you to Danny Rilatos, Sammy Bayya and Greg Towner for actually getting the program equipment and files moved. All the people involved did a great service for the future of the Siletz JOM Program.

Headstart News

February was a busy month filled with fun and exciting adventures. Our students are learning about Letters, Numbers and are practicing writing their names. On February 12th we celebrated Valentine's Day with parents, cards, treats and singing songs. The children are studying about living things and will be growing a garden of plants in the classroom.

The highlight of the month was our class field trip to the Kingdom on Ice performance in Portland. A great time was had by all. Swimming lessons began on March 2, 1987 and will continue through March 19, 1987.

WHAT WILL THE CHILDREN LEARN

- 1) Not only about swimming, but about every aspect of the association with water and the people involved in the learning experiences.
- 2) Increased listening skills.
- 3) Increase of language and communication skills.
- 4) How to take turns and stand in line.
- 5) How to cope with weightlessness.
- 6) How it feels to float, glide, drop through air, turn upside down and float in a life jacket.
- 7) It is fun and can learn to swim.

On March 19, 1987 the parents and students will have a pool party as a celebration of the new skills learned and the last swim class.

The Head Start Parents were involved in fund raising projects to support family activities and social experiences. On March 7th and 8th a rummage, raffle and bake sale was held at the Tribal Center.

Spring Break will be observed from March 23rd through March 27th. We hope that your spring is filled with sunshine.

Head Start Staff

Housing Authority Board Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the Siletz Indian Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. All persons who are interested in applying for the vacancy should submit a letter to the Housing Authority at P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380, or contact Jeff or Sharon at the Housing Authority office. This is not a paid position. Interested persons need to submit their name before April 15, 1987. Contact the Housing Authority office for more information.

Diet

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I would like you to know that the FAT CATS dieters are going to shed some Prime Beef! February 16th, thirteen people weighed in at the area office to the tune of "2718" pounds. USDA PRIME BEEF"

The one who loses the most weight by May 16 will win the entry fee. (\$5.00 per person). It is not too late to join!! I know that some of you are smiling, you probably have little bike tires under your shirts or blouses!!

I will be keeping you posted for three months to let you know how much weight we LOSE!!!

Signed
Mini Hee Hee
Official Beef Weigher

Volunteers Needed

The Sacred Lands Preservation Committee is looking for volunteers to help with cleaning and fencing plans for several cemeteries. The cemeteries in the immediate work plans are: Curl, Morris, Harney-Evans and Bensell.

There are others the Committee would like to hear about so please let us know. A master list with location, description, family ties and need is an objective of the overall work plan.

The manpower and supplies of the Committee are limited but plans are underway to do as much as possible prior to Memorial Day and to continue through the summer with all day work sessions on Saturdays and/or Sundays.

Any information or labor you can contribute to this group will be gratefully accepted and appreciated.

The next meeting of the Committee is March 26, 6:00 p.m. at the Tribal Community Center. Committee members for 1987 are: Art Bensell, Gary Butler, George Baker, Pauline Ricks, Pete Downey, Mary Alice Muncey and Mary Fisher. You can contact GARY BUTLER, Sacred Lands Preservation Committee Secretary at P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380 or call him at 444-2532, Ext. 26.