

## Alcohol/Drug Awareness

On Wednesday, the 29th of April the Tribal Community Center hosted the "Just Say No Club" of the Siletz School. The Captains of each club were present. They were; Tony Molina, Willy Metcalf, Lindy Edwards, Lisa Oleman, Lacey Davenport, Cher Cox and Chris Oleman.

They shared what their prospective clubs were doing, and what they hoped to accomplish. They had an informative question and answer program.

The adults that were present were; Gary Butler, Kevin Strickler, Tina Jones, Angelea Robertson, Elouise Case, Janet Dair and Wlat Klamath.

### To Tribal Members:

Since the letter to the editor in March, stating that alcoholism is a disease I have talked with many that disagree with that theory, and that's OK but I will give the AMA definition of a disease then you can decide if it fits:

Definition: Disease - A definite morbid process with a characteristic train of symptoms, it may effect the entire body or any of its parts, its etiology, pathology and prognosis may be known or unknown.

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Tribal Alcohol &  
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## Thank You

We the Siletz Head Start Parent Committee, staff and children would like to thank the following for their donations for our raffle held March 8th. National Security Bank, Siletz Valley Branch, Surfrider, Siletz Tackle, Club 86, Dana Richie, Country Cuts, Safeway, Noels Market, Seletz Lockers, Little Miss Siletz, Silver Screen Video, Siletz Indian Bingo, and Debbie Williams. Last but not least, the tribe for letting us use the Siletz Tribal Center for our rummage-affle and baked food sale held March 7 & 8.

Thanks to all of you who bought raffle tickets, baked goods and articles from the rummage sale, we raised \$704.00 for future Head Start activities. Thanks again, Siletz Head Start Parent Committee, Staff and Children.

## "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.

## "Just Say No Club" In Loyalty Day Parade

The Siletz "Just Say No Club" sponsored by the Newport Optimist Club was well attended, even if it did show signs of raining all day, but we did luck out, the rain ceased about the time the parade started.

Some of the 6th Grade marched as Mr. and Mrs. Peer Pressure, and handed "Just Say No" buttons to boys and girls of their own ages. The Optimist Club had 50 pounds of candy for them to throw to the crowd watching.

Those marching in the parade were; Nolan Lane, Trisha Christianson, Jack Strong, Raileen Flowry, Nathan Bynum, Tanya Valet, Brenda Brown, Willy Metcalf, Wayne Nephew, Tasha Bailey, Wendy Edwards, Derrick Taylor, Spring Cplaypool, Shauna Tucker and Adrian Syaroleta.

At least one Just Say No member was on the Siletz School float, the Optimist pickup was driven by Floy Caldwell. Pat Whetstone and Walt Klamath walked with the paraders.

## Swimmer Hears From Tribal Leaders

Assistant Secretary Swimmer met on April 7 in Helena with Montana Gov. Ted Schwinden to discuss the issue of tribal taxation on Indian reservations in the state. Swimmer, an advocate of tribal rights to levy taxes, said the Governor acknowledged that the courts have upheld tribal taxation and is interested in developing models for state-tribal government arrangements. Two tribes in Montana currently levy taxes and one is proposing a tax. The Blackfeet and Fort Peck tribes levyr taxes on oil and gas production and the Crow tribe is proposing a similar tax. A Blackfeet possessory interest tax is under review in the Billings Area 40Office and a Ft. Peck tribal tax on utilities is being challenged by prospective non-Indian taxpayers. In all, approximately 90 tribal governments levy some form of tax. The most common taxes are

on tobacco and liquor sales, retail sales, severance on oil and gas production, possessory interest on real property, business and construction and fish harvests. The issue of tribal taxation has been a focus of controversy recently in Montana.

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## Siletz Elder Program

**Transportation Opportunities:** The Newport Council on Aging Office has transportation available for Senior citizens to attend the Senior Meal Site in Siletz. The meal site is held on Mondays and Thursdays at the Siletz Grange Hall. For a ride and/or more information, contact the Council on Aging at 265-6611, EXT. #334.

The Council on Aging Office also provides transportation for Senior citizens to Toledo to go grocery shopping. Every Friday a van picks up elders and transports them to and from Toledo. If you would like to go, please contact the Council on Aging Office at 265-6611 EXT. #334.

**PROPOSED PROJECT:** Spring cleaning party, any Tribal elder needing spring cleaning done, anything from washing walls to mopping floors, airing out rooms, vacuuming, etc; please call Tina at 444-2533. We will also be setting up a lawn care party for anyone elder needing their lawns mowed, hedges trimmed, leaves raked, etc. Please call Tina at 444-2533.

We are setting up a personal care day. Volunteers are donating their time to fix your hair and do your nails. We are looking for volunteer barbers, also.

**WOOD CUTTING PARTY:** The Tribal Council approved for another wood cutting party, probably sometime in June, to cut, stack and distribute wood to Tribal elders. The wood would again come from the campground area on Government Hill.

Be watching for more information on these upcoming events.

## Committee Braves Weather For Parade

It was 9:30 am, the wind was blowing everything around, the rain was coming down sideways, Shirley and Karen were trying to hold down the plastic while Frank taped it down. There was no one else around but the Search and Rescue Team members, who were directing people where to park. (I mean it was just us and them! Who else would be crazy enough to come out on a day like this?)

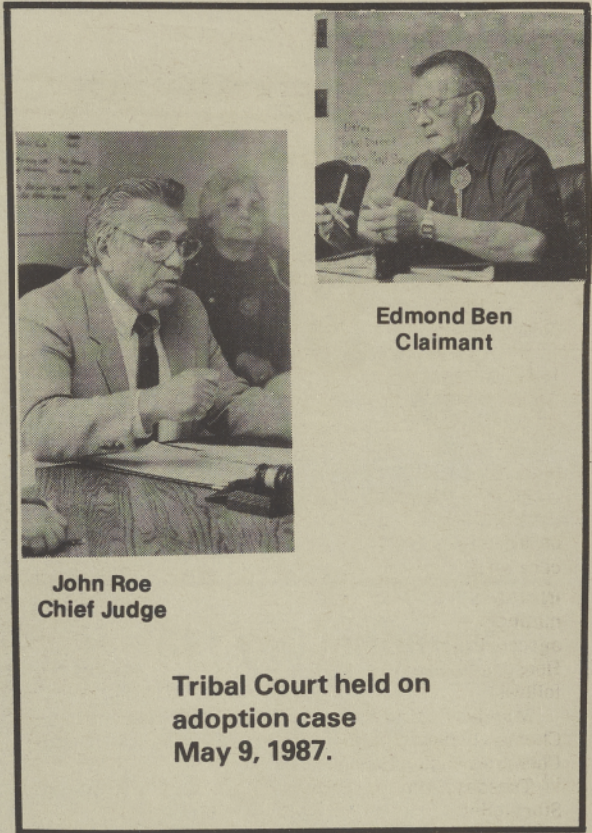
The tape wouldn't hold, we were soaked and cold, right there and then we voted to can it, all in favor? and climbed back into the truck, while the plastic flew around over our heads. Then we had to wait because we had other people coming.

In the meantime a few pickups pulled in pulling boats. (were they trying to tell us something?) Frank disappeared (we later found out he went and had the 99¢ breakfast!!!!) Every once in a while the search & rescue men came around to check us out. The royalty princesses showed up and waited around and we sent them on their way to Chemawa.

Where was all this happening? At the Loyalty Days Parade, in Newport. Bonnie Petersen showed up and we decided we were all wet anyway so we might as well go ahead with it. Frank went into Freddy's and bought Shirley a hat, then he went back and bought a plastic covering with tie-downs. Between us all, we tied it down, got our signs on the truck and were in business.

Janice Metcalf showed up to help. The rain slowed down and more people showed up. We even had a drum show up, thanks to Bruce Butler, III, Gaelen Black, and Gary Davis. They did a good job even if they did get hoarse. We saw a lot of tribal members and friends along the way and enjoyed ourselves even if we were cold and wet. We ran out of candy and flyers and we weren't even half way through the parade yet. But not bad for the late start the Pow Wow Committee had this year.

After Frank bought the hat, the covering and all our hard work getting it on, the rain quit . . . all through the parade!!!! Thanks go to Frank Petersen for driving for us and to Committee members Janice Metcalf, Shirley Strickler, Bonnie Petersen and Karen Bell for showing up at all, and to little Sara Bell, Felicia Edenfield, Fish Martinez and Jason Metcalf.



John Roe  
Chief Judge

Edmond Ben  
Claimant

Tribal Court held on  
adoption case  
May 9, 1987.

## T.A.D.A.A. Teens Against Drug And Alcohol Abuse

T.A.D.A.A. is an exciting new group in Siletz, started by teens for teens. The feeling was, 'There is nothing for us to do in Siletz, so it's easy to get in to trouble.' All the teens were interested in holding drug & alcohol free activities and some felt they also needed a support group to overcome drug & alcohol problems. Since March, T.A.D.A.A. has held rap sessions/one on one counselling; a barbecue; film night; and making and eating a four foot banana split.

On Easter weekend, we held a 50's and 60's 'Bunny Hop' dance at the Tribal Community Center. The Cody Taylor Band had everyone rock'n roll'n. Frank Rilatos won first prize for best costume; Jessica Rilatos came in second & Troy Olaphan third. Everyone from 8 months to 50years old totally enjoyed themselves. We felt proud that we provided entertainment in Siletz. Another dance is planned for Sat., June 13th, 8-11 P.M., so mark your calenders now!

One of our long term goals is, to start a teen center in Siletz. We feel that there will always be teens in Siletz and if there is no where to go, then they will hang out on the streets and could get into trouble. Our dream is to rent or preferably buy, a house large enough to have a pool room, video game room, craft room, rap/counselling room and homework room. We'd like to have weight/sports equipment and start classes in this, along with crafts. Our fundraising activities for this have included a car wash; bake sale; bottle drives and donation cans in Tribal offices and around Siletz. WE WILL BE HOLDING ANOTHER BOTTLE DRIVE SOON, SO PLEASE SAVE YOUR CANS / BOTTLES. We are also working on becoming a non-profit organization.

Our meetings are held Tuesday and Thursdays from 7-9 P.M. For location or more information please call Jessica Rilatos - 444-1040 or Sue Eatherly 444-2812 or contact Gary Butler. All teens are welcome to attend, but we ask that you only come if you want to. We feel, teens should not attend meetings only because of parental pressure to do so. We also have agreed, that anything discussed at meetings, is not discussed outside them. We ask you to respect this.

We would like to thank the people of Siletz. Your support and encouragement has meant a great deal to us. We also realize that there are people who are criticizing us. To them, we would like to say - Yes, some of us are labelled trouble makers and caulls, but we are trying to help ourselves. Like everyone else, we need to feel accepted. We need to feel good about ourselves. Please, keep an open mind and give us a chance.

Once again, we'd like to thank all who have helped us. Special thanks to Larry for letting us hold a car wash, to Siletz Fish & Tackle for the movie and to the Siletz Tribe for the use of the hall.