

Elders Fair (cont. from Page 8)

12. CONFECTIONS
- Candy
 - Popcorn balls
 - Rice Krispies
13. DRIED FOOD
- Meat
 - Meat/Fruit
 - Vegetables
 - Fruit

14. FRESH VEGETABLES

If you wish to enter and cannot find the correct category don't let that stop you from competing! We may need to add another category. Contact Pauline, Madge, or Nancy.

Letters to the Editor (cont.)

Dear Tribal Members,

I was born in October of 1963 at the New Lincoln Hospital in Toledo, Ore. I was adopted when I was 5 days old and was raised in Toledo, Ore.

It has been established that my birth mother is full blooded and my father is half Siletz Indian. Because the records have been sealed, I have not been able to get this information from the State or Tribal records.

For medical reasons and for my own emotional healing and well-being, I am seeking to trace my immediate ancestry.

In appealing to you Tribal members for help, I have thought about "Why is this so important to me?"

Why did she give me up? Would I have been an embarrassment to her? Would her friends and family have shunned her? Was she young? A alcoholic? A drug addict? These questions are a part of the need I have to know, for myself, my heritage, my spirituality, my well being, for emotional and medical reasons. I want to feel a part of, not apart from. I have a right to know who I am, where I came from. I feel so much energy from my birth mother, I feel deep down she knows I am looking for her. I feel pain, so much pain. This energy I feel from my mother, is that she is near, close by, watching. I feel like I can't grow until I know. I need to get on with my life, I feel like my life is on hold, until I know, so I can move forward. I pray to the Great Spirit for answers, for relief, for solutions. I don't want money, I just want to know who my birth mother is. If I could communicate

with her by letter, that would be wonderful. I need to feel a connection with my birth mother, my heritage. I am seeking to find her.

If anyone can help me with any information about my birth mother, please contact me. Sincerely,

Danise Barker

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(edited for length)

ENTRY FORM FOR INDIAN FAIR

NAME _____

CATEGORY _____

COMPETITION, DISPLAY, or SALE (CIRCLE ONE)

ITEMS TO BE ENTERED _____

SIGNATURE _____

MAIL ENTRY FORM TO:

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**Congratulations
to Thomas
Holycross**

Thomas Holycross, son of Charlene and Jim Holycross, seems to be following in the artistic footsteps of his mom and dad. His artwork was chosen to be used on the cover of the 1993/1994 Siletz School Annual! Good work Thomas!

**Chairmans Report**

by: Delores Pigsley

This November will mark 17 years since our Tribe was restored.

As we gather to celebrate this month during our Pow-Wow, we need to take time to reflect on our past struggles to achieve restoration and to remember with pride that we were second in the nation, next to the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin, and the first in state of Oregon to be restored.

The Oregon Tribes that came after us were able to build on our pioneering experience and efforts.

July was, as usual, a very busy month full of issues and activities in which our Tribal Council and staff were involved. I'd like to highlight for you some of them:

* We completed negotiations with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for our 1995 annual funding agreement under the self-governance program.

Overall, we succeeded in negotiating for more funds for the 1995 calendar year than we

currently receive, though slightly less in a few program areas. There are a few remaining issues such as general assistance and contract support that we anticipate will be resolved with the involvement of the central office.

We will also be completing negotiations this month with the Indian Health Service for our share of IHS funding under IHS's Self-Governance Program.

Although we benefit funding-wise as a Self-Governance Tribe, of greater importance is the fact that we are able to exercise greater Self-determination over BIA and IHS programs and budgets while, at the same time, insuring that the Federal Government's Trust responsibility is preserved.

* In an earlier report, I stated that I had the opportunity of participating in a meeting with President Clinton at the White House as part of a National Tribal Leadership Group. In conjunction with that special event, I had the opportunity of meeting and discussing our Siletz Tribal issues with Janet Reno, the U.S Attorney General.

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