

## TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS



Lee Jr. (Brother) and Logan Butler dance at Taft High School in Lincoln City.

### Check Out Little Creek Apartments

Our apartment community offers housing discounts to tribal members and employees of the Siletz Tribe and Chinook Winds Casino.

We have 2 bedroom/1 bath and 3 bedroom/2 bath apartments with washer/dryer hook-ups. We also offer a clean, quiet environment with an exercise room, video library, and playgrounds, as well as a Kid's Club!

Rents start at \$475 (discounted to \$425). Take advantage of our move-in special - **off first month's rent!** Call Judy at 541-265-2663 or stop by 365 NE 36<sup>th</sup> St., Newport. Don't miss out!

### Majestic Mortgage Provides Home Loans and Refinancing

Majestic Mortgage, a Portland-area firm specializing in creative lending, has positioned itself as a resource for the Siletz Indian Housing Authority (SIHA).

Liz Hamilton, herself a Native American, leads a program that works with the first-time homebuyer and debt-consolidating and refinance clients. It utilizes the first-time homebuyer assistance program offered to tribal members under HUD's Indian Housing Block Grant Program.

**Purchases:** While many lenders struggle with how to structure NAHASDA grant money toward down payments, Majestic Mortgage has adapted program guidelines to fund quickly and efficiently.

**Refinances:** Whether your credit is A+ or includes credit challenges such as bankruptcy, Majestic Mortgage can refinance the existing loan and pull cash out for such things as debt consolidation, home improvements, vacation, or working capital for a business. Properties can either be owner-occupied or non-owner-occupied investment properties. If you are self-employed, we can fund a type of loan where no income disclosure is required.

Getting started is easy! Contact Hamilton at 1-800-579-8222, ext. 552, or page her at 503-955-0772.

Most pre-qualifications are done in 24 hours and there is no charge for the initial call. Majestic Mortgage is an equal opportunity lender and can originate home loans in any state where licensing laws allow.

### Annual Cultural Camp

July 25-28, 2000  
At Government Hill  
in Siletz

Camp planning mtg.-April 14, 1 p.m.  
at Cultural Conference Room

Any questions? Please call Selene Rilatos  
1-800-922-1399, ext. 246  
or 541-444-8246

### Student Opportunities for Scholarships

#### Stargazer 2000

The NAU/NASA Space Grant and the Department of Physics and Astronomy is sponsoring a one-week program in astronomy for Native American high school students. It will be held at Northern Arizona University (NAU) in Flagstaff from June 25 through July 1. Participants will join with two Ph.D. astronomy teachers from Dine College, Ph.D. astronomers, a NASA astronaut, and many others for an exciting introduction to astronomy.

Space Grant will provide tuition, room, board, field trips, and materials. Limited travel funds also are available.

Admission to this unique program is competitive and limited to high school students. To apply, complete the application form and send it with a one-paragraph description explaining why you wish to participate. You also must include a letter of recommendation from your science teacher or counselor. Review of applications will

begin May 1, 2000. Send materials and questions to:

Dr. David Cole  
Department of Physics & Astronomy  
Northern Arizona University  
Box 6010  
Flagstaff, AZ 86011-6010  
520-523-8017, david.cole@nau.edu

#### Sharon Butler Memorial Scholarship

The Sharon Butler Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a Siletz Tribal member who resides in Lincoln County at the time of application.

High school seniors and people who have received GEDs or high school equivalency degrees can apply. People who have taken some college classes also may apply for the scholarship, as long as they have earned no more than 36 college credits by July 1 of the year that they apply. Applicants must plan to attend any accredited college with the goal of obtaining a two-year associate's or four-year bachelor's degree.

Applications are available from high school guidance counselors.

#### React/Take Action Awards

If you know someone between age 12 and 18 who has taken action in his/her community by fighting racism, helping the homeless, working for students' rights, dealing with the environment, etc., encourage them to apply for the 2000 "React/Take Action Awards."

Each year, five \$20,000 scholarships are awarded to young people who have taken action in their community and have made a change. Ten \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to runners-up.

Applications are on the Take Action Fund web site at <http://www.takeactionfund.or> or [www.react.com](http://www.react.com).