

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

Housing Improvement Program News

by Tammy Wagner

The deadline for the year 2001 is Dec. 1, 2000. Everyone is encouraged to apply. Our funding is based on eligible applicants every year, so please apply if you need assistance for home improvements or if you want down payment assistance.

The deadline to turn in income verification and DR verifications for disabilities was May 24. Anyone who did not turn in 1999 income taxes or other proof of income is now on the inactive list.

We currently are processing complete applications and will have the list finalized by July 1. If you have any questions about your application, please contact Tammy Wagner at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 322, or 541-444-8322. Applicants will be notified by mail on the status of their application.

The silent auction was a success. We raised \$483 for the Elders Emergency Repair Fund. The Siletz Tribal Smokehouse, Idel Ramsey of the Lincoln City Visitors and Convention Bureau, DUB Bellinger, Elena Bassett, Robert Kentta, Lisa Brown, Tamara and Aaron Morrow, Bunni Snook, Coastal Cuts, Chinook Winds, Shilo Hotel, and the Education Committee donated items. We had a lot of nice stuff, including one of the 2000 glass floats, a Chinook Winds coat, pine nut necklaces, a dentalium necklace, hand-woven mats, and lots of jewelry. Thank you to everyone who bid on these items.

We have started working on this year's annual food booth at the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow. Once again, we will make barbecue chicken, corn on the cob, and potato salad. We also will raffle off two 21-speed Mongoose mountain bikes either at the pow-wow or on another date. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. All proceeds will go to the HIP Elders Emergency Repair Fund. We also are looking for volunteers to help us this year. Give Tammy a call if you would like to volunteer.

We still have the board at JC Market in Toledo. Don't forget to put your community stamps on it when you use your saver shields.

We are taking applications for IHS. If you have a failed septic system that was not installed by IHS, if your well no longer works, or if you need to be connected to the city septic and water system, give Tammy a call to get an application.

If you have a sewer or water system that IHS installed and are having problems, we now have funds from NAHASDA to help repair those systems. You must meet 80 percent of the gross median income.

We are still recruiting contractors for general, excavating, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical work. If you are licensed, bonded, and have insurance, contact Tammy to be put on our mailing list. We also have a 10 percent preference policy for 51 percent properly licensed Indian-owned contractors.

Two slots have opened up for tribal members in a carpenter's apprenticeship program. The first job is working on the expansion of the Safeway store in Lincoln City. Starting pay ranges from \$13.50 (with fringe benefits) to \$16.50 (with fringe benefits). Contact Howard Roy at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 331, or 541-444-8331.

We made a presentation to June Austin during the elders meeting in Siletz. June served on the HIP Committee for eight years. She was an intricate part of the Housing Program, helping with several projects during the time she served on the committee.

June was not able to return to the HIP Committee this year due to her husband's health, but plans to return when she is able. We presented a Pendleton blanket and a dentalium necklace to her.

We would like to take this opportunity to again thank June for all of her help over



Bill, Randy, and June Austin

the years. We appreciate all you have done. You are a wonderful, sincere, loving person. We look forward to your return to the HIP Committee.

We are located at the Siletz Indian Housing Authority at 555 Tolowa Court. Our phone number is 541-444-8322 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 322.

ONABEN Offers Classes Through Siletz SBIC

by Melissa Butler, SBIC Counselor

In the fall, ONABEN plans to offer the Siletz community two classes through our WebCT Program. The classes are:

- ◆ You and Your Business Idea
- ◆ Starting a Successful Business

You and Your Business Idea is an introductory seminar that focuses on helping anyone thinking of going into business make informed decisions on the process. This class costs \$10.

Starting a Successful Business offers information that helps people avoid costly mistakes and provides the framework for a successful start-up business. In this 10-week class, each participant writes a business plan and receives training on how to fill out a business loan application so that it will have a greater likelihood of being approved. This class costs \$100. If taken jointly with the You and Your Business Idea class, the overall cost is \$100 (a savings of \$10).

Funding for these classes is available through adult education on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact the education specialist in your area for more information.

If you are interested in attending either one or both of these classes, please call me at 541-444-8255 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 255.