

# TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

## Siletz Indian Housing Authority News

by Tammy Wagner

The Siletz Indian Housing Authority has been as busy as ever. Several projects were going on during the month, including the first edition of the SIHA newsletter, "Naach'it' a" (which means chitchat in the Tolowa language). A drug elimination grant application, lots of activities with the resident's organization, and lots of clients to serve made for busy days.

The first edition of the Siletz Indian Housing Authority newsletter was a success. It took a little longer than planned to complete and mail on June 26, but we were all happy with the final outcome. We've received a lot of good comments on it. We hope to get more comments from all who received it. Please let us know what you are interested in.

### Drug Elimination Grant

Norm Counts wrote and sent off a drug elimination grant. Good job, Norm! If we receive the \$63,000 grant, the money will be used for surveillance equipment and for urine analysis (UAs) when someone is convicted in Tribal Court and UAs are ordered as part of the probation requirements.

### Update on the Dickinson Property

The tour at Modern Building Systems was a lot of fun. Terry Fisher, Benny Marzan, Sheryl Simmons, her daughter Shyla, Howard Roy, and I attended. Homes were in every phase of the assembly line. A few were almost complete, missing only cabinets and doors. It was interesting to see how they turned piles of wood into a house.

The first homes were delivered in mid-July. A lot of work has to be done once the homes arrive. They will be delivered three per week until all 20 homes have arrived. If everything goes as scheduled, the homes will be ready for move-in in September. The selection for these homes was approved at the Board of Commissioners meeting in July.

### Section 8/Welfare to Work Voucher Programs

A waiting list currently exists for Section 8. Patricia Puma estimated it would take one or two years to be served once you are placed on the waiting list. Welfare to Work vouchers are available if you meet the eligibility guidelines. Call Patricia to find out if you are eligible.

### Home Improvement Program

The HIP Program received \$5,000 for the Elder's Emergency Repair Fund from the Ad-Hoc Charitable Donation Committee. Tammy Wagner accepted the check at the fifth anniversary celebration at Chinook Winds Casino in June.

Thank you so much for your donation! Because of this, we were able to raise the maximum for each emergency to \$500. Since we started the Elder's Emergency Repair fund, we have been able to fund emergency repairs for eight elders.

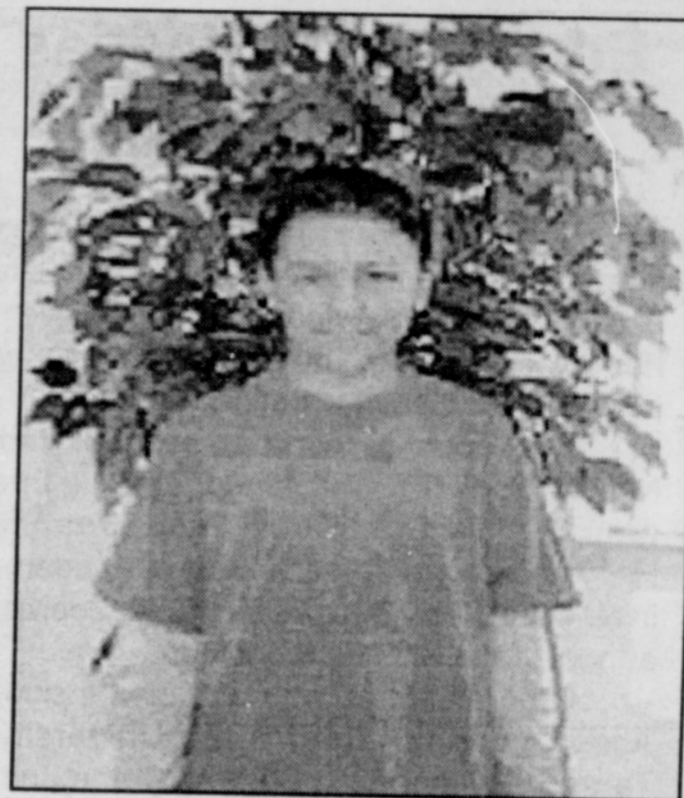
We have been working on the food booth for the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow. We need volunteers to help cook chicken and serve dinner. All proceeds will go to the Elder's Emergency Repair Fund.

The bike raffle also has begun. Caroline Easter already has sold \$90 worth of tickets. Stop by the reception desk at the Siletz Tribal administration building and buy yours now. We will raffle the bikes off at the pow-wow on Aug. 13. They are unisex 21-speed Mongoose mountain bikes equipped with air shocks on the front, rear, and on the seat. They currently are on display at the Siletz Tribal administration building and will be at the pow-wow. All proceeds will go to the Elder's Emergency Repair Fund. You need not be present to win.

### Resident's Organization Summer Activities

The last resident's organization has planned several summer activities.

The group is sponsoring a swim night every Thursday for the residents. It was



Colby Rethford

such a success that it has been extended to Aug. 10. A trip to another place also is being planned.

In August, a basketball tournament and dentalium necklace making with elders are in the works. The next resident's organization meeting is scheduled for Aug. 10. The meetings are always on the second Thursday of the month.

The resident's organization also would like to congratulate Colby Rethford for winning third place in the Amerind safety poster contest. The winners of this contest will be sent to the national contest. Way to go, Colby!

### Points of Interest

Elena Bassett celebrated her birthday on July 1. Happy Birthday, Elena! The staff presented her with a beaded shell necklace. July 22 was also Marci Simmons' birthday. Marci received a gift certificate from Wal-Mart. LeiLani returned to work on July 26. Welcome back LeiLani!

### Who to Contact

Elena Bassett	Executive Director	541-444-8310
Terry Fisher	Housing Manager	541-444-8312
LeiLani Cordova	Residents Services Specialist	541-444-8311
Tamara Morrow	Emergency assistance and conference room reservations	541-444-8259
Patricia Puma	Section 8/Welfare to Work	541-444-8314
Howard Roy	Housing Improvement Program	541-444-8331
Tammy Wagner	Housing Improvement Program	541-444-8322
Jack McCord III, Benny Marzan, Marci Simmons	Maintenance	541-444-8259

All the above also may be reached at 1-800-922-1399.

Dave Litchy, Bunni Snook	Finance Program staff	1-888-870-9051
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