

## USDA Distribution

### Siletz

Monday, Jan. 7 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Jan 8 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Jan. 9 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

### Salem

Monday, Jan. 14 4 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Jan. 15 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Jan. 16 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



*Delores Pigsley, chairman of the Siletz Tribe, accepts the Mayor's Award from Danny Rilatos, mayor of Siletz.*

## Tribe Honored by City of Siletz

The Siletz Tribe received the annual Mayor's Award from the city of Siletz in a presentation on Dec. 10. The award is inscribed with

"Mayor's Award 2001, presented to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians in appreciation of outstanding service to the citizens of the community."

The tribe was cited for its donations to the new community skatepark.

Previous award recipients include the Siletz Library and the Siletz Valley Volunteer Fire Department. The award was first presented in the 1980s to Eugene and Evelyn Lassiter, who started the community Christmas program.

## New Web Site Helps Recruit Students to Federal Jobs

The Office of Personnel Management and the U.S. Department of Education recently unveiled a new Internet site - [www.studentjobs.gov](http://www.studentjobs.gov) - designed specifically for high school and college students who are looking for temporary employment with the federal government

In April 2000, OPM and the Department of Education's Student Financial Assistance (SFA) office formed a partnership to develop [studentjobs.gov](http://studentjobs.gov). For students looking to get into the work force, the site lists federal job openings and provides valuable insight into the hiring process, programs, and benefits. It also offers links to other federal Web sites.

[Studentjobs.gov](http://Studentjobs.gov) features include:

- \* Links to student-employment pages for more than 50 federal agencies
- \* Links to articles that profile student job opportunities
- \* A link to the federal government's worldwide employment information database of permanent federal jobs
- \* E-mail notification every 24 hours for newly posted vacancies that meet the student's personal job search profile
- \* A resume builder and online application tool

## EITC Available

Called "the tax break for hard-working people," the Earned Income Tax Credit is available to some individuals who don't earn a high income. You may qualify for the EITC on your 2000 tax return if you

- Earned less than \$10,380 and have no qualifying child
- Earned less than \$27,413 and have one qualifying child
- Earned less than \$31,152 and have more than one qualifying child

For more information, contact the IRS at 1-800-829-3676 or visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

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The program also requires all applicants to complete a First-Time Homebuyer Education Program **before entering into a purchase agreement** on a property. The Salem Finance Office does the training on an individual basis. For those applicants who cannot make it to Salem, other training sites are available.

After completing the training requirement, the applicant should contact a lender and become pre-qualified for a first mortgage loan (most first mortgages are 30-year loans). Although the Salem Finance Office works with many lenders, we recommend that applicants apply for pre-qualification with lenders who are familiar with state bond programs. For example, first-time homebuyers in Oregon can obtain an interest rate

**one percentage point below** market rates by qualifying for the Oregon Bond Program.

After the tribal member has completed the first three steps (grant application approval, completing the training requirement, and pre-qualifying for the first mortgage), he/she then will have the opportunity to start looking for a property to purchase.

For more information on the Down Payment Assistance Program, call the Salem Finance Office at 1-888-870-9051 or 503-304-4064. The staff consists of Dave Litchy, finance manager, and Bunni Snook, administrative assistant. Applications are available at the Salem Finance Office, the Housing Authority Office at Siletz, or at any area office.

## Walt's Words of Wit and Wisdom

by Walt Klamath

Before time, people did not have mouths. They received their nourishment from the air as they breathed through their nose.

As time passed on, the air started getting contaminated from the forming of the mountains and lakes by volcanic action and there was too much acid and dust in the air. The people were beginning to get sick and lose weight. Some were in real pain from hunger and thirst.

Now Coyote, who is charged with taking care of the two-legged ones, was quite concerned. Coyote decided that the two-legged would have to eat, but how? They didn't have mouths.

One day, Coyote came up with a plan. He would put

everyone to sleep and make mouths.

So the day came. He put all to sleep and he took a rock and made a mouth. He stepped back and it was good.

When a rock became worn, he threw it down and picked up another. Every mouth was perfect. He took a lot of time to be exact.

As time went on though, Coyote became tired and started getting careless. He started making some big wide mouths, some very small mouths, some slanted one way, then the other. After he had made mouths for everybody, Coyote rested.

Today, one can go to the Klickitat River and find thousands of little flat stones that Coyote used in the making of the mouths.