

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Excess Pledge Revenue

### 2002 Per Capita Payment

The Siletz Tribal membership is being provided notice that on Aug. 1, 2002, a distribution of Net Revenues from the Excess Pledge Revenue will occur.

The distribution will be provided to all living enrolled members on the roll as of July 1, 2002, in the amount of \$735. The minor distribution will be forwarded to their trust accounts.

Tribal members ages 18 and over may pick up their check at the Siletz Tribal Community Center on Aug. 1, 2002, from Noon to 8 p.m. Each member must have on file with Enrollment a copy of their Social Security card or completed W-9. Each member must show photo ID and only he/she can pick up his/her check.

Any checks not picked up in person will be mailed on Aug. 2, to the last known address on file in Enrollment, provided required documentation is on file.

If you have any questions, please contact Loraine Butler, Enrollment clerk, at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 258, or 541-444-8258, or e-mail at loraineb@ctsi.nsn.us.

Please see the Missing Moccasins list on page 12 and help locate some tribal members.

### One Computer Per Household?

Yes, the Tribal Council has obligated funds from the 2000 and 2001 Excess Pledge Revenue for the placement of one computer in each tribal household.

Current plans include an initial purchase of approximately 1,000 computers (hard drive, monitor, printer, extras, technical assistance, setup, and delivery). Tribal administration sought bids from several well-known manufacturers of computer systems and received bids from the following: Gateway, Compaq, CDW, and NexGen. A final price and total number of systems is being negotiated, and a final deal is expected in the next 30 days.

In order to determine which households may be interested in having a computer, an application and additional details on this project will be forthcoming in the July issue of Nesika Illahee (the tribe's confidential quarterly newsletter).

Please look for more information in Nesika Illahee.

### More Housing Rehabilitation Assistance

Tribal Council has approved housing renovation assistance funds from the 2000 and 2001 Excess Pledge Revenue funds for those tribal members who are unable to meet the income eligibility guidelines of the BIA Housing Improvement program or the NAHASDA HIP program.

To date, the tribe has been unable to provide assistance to members, owning their own home in need of repair, who were over income due to federal guidelines. It is anticipated that the policy implementing guidelines for this new program will be approved at the July regular Tribal Council meeting.

Upon approval of these new guidelines, applications will be taken at the Housing department office located in Siletz and Salem.



### Tribal Council Honors 2002 College Graduates

The Siletz Tribal Council awarded each 2002 graduating senior receiving a Bachelor's degree with the gift of a Siletz Tribal Pendleton Blanket. Letters of congratulations were sent in May to the graduating seniors notifying them of this gift and most have received their blanket.

This gift was awarded in recognition of the hard work and dedication each graduate has put forth in obtaining his or her degree.

Please join the Tribal Council in congratulating each of these seniors on their accomplishment and in wishing each of them prosperity in their future.

Seniors recognized include **Jeremy Myrland, Velvet Stainbrook, Chad McCormick, Joseph Hendrickson, Brent Walker, Tawnia McGurthy, Duke Staggs, Corina Rilatos, Welo Watson, Andrea Wynn, Charlie Moody, Rindy Dickson, Misty Moceikis, Amanda Hamilton, Alissa Lane, Amber Owen, and Darelle Butler.**

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**Deadline for the August issue is July 10.** Photos are encouraged. Everyone loves to see photos of events, tribal members, and especially babies. Don't forget those birthday or anniversary wishes for loved ones.

The newsletter is free to enrolled Siletz Tribal members. For all others, a \$12 annual subscription fee applies. Fill out this form and mail it with \$12 (make check payable to Confederated Tribes of Siletz) to Siletz News.

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